

# Views

## Richmond Heights Neighborhood Council

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### quick-takes

#### Decembers Events

##### 12th Annual Senior Winter Ball

Saturday December 5, 7:00- 11:00on,

Richmond Memorial Auditorium

403 Civic Center Plaza

Tickets:8.00 per person,120.00 per Eight

Richmond Recreational Department

3230 MacDonald Ave. (510) 620-6793

Enjoy great food and music by the Junius Courtney Orchestra as well as fun with great friends. Don't forget your raffle tickets and a chance to win a new flat screen TV.

<http://www.ci.richmoncaus/CivicAlerts>.

##### Holiday Arts Festival Richmond Art Center

Sunday, Dec 6, 2009 at 12:00pm

2540 Barrett Avenue Richmond

510-620-6772 Artisan sale, holiday café, kids' activities, live music, and silent auction.

<http://www.therichmondartcenter.org/index.html>

##### Richmond Holiday Festival

Wednesday December 9. 2009

10:00am-12pm & 5:00-7:00pm

Nevin Community Center

598 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, CA

(510) 236-4049. Come join us as we

welcome in the holiday season!

Preschool & Kindergarten performance,

Santa, gift giving and lots of holiday fun!

<http://www.richmondmainstreet.org/>

##### The Charles Reid Foundation

##### 62nd Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, December 20th 12PM to 4PM

Richmond PAL Community Center

2200 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond,

Children ages 0-12 years old, come see

Santa. CHILDREN MUST BE

PRESENT TO RECEIVE GIFT. For

more information, (510) 236-8520.

<http://charlesreidfoundation.org/index.html>

### December's Meeting: Spokesman from R.E.A.C.T.

REACT/CERT was implemented, and is maintained under the leadership of the City of Richmond, Fire Department Office of Emergency Services. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is the federally and nationally most recognized name for REACT. REACT/CERT students are trained by the Richmond Fire Department and certified volunteer community trainers. REACT/CERT students receive 20 hours of free life saving training, plus attend disaster drills yearly. The next series of training starts on March 10, 2010.

<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=339>

### One Warm Coat Program - Special-needs kids in Richmond

The special-needs students in an after-school program at the George Miller Center in Richmond are holding a coat drive for the needy. The students this year hope to exceed their 100-coat goal.

The drive, held under the One Warm Coat program, set a goal of bringing in 100 donations of warm wear for the winter to give to the Bay Area Rescue Mission.

Those who want to help this year's drive can drop off donations of gently used or new coats at the George Miller Center, 2801 Robert Miller Drive, between San Pablo Avenue and Hilltop Drive in Richmond.

The program wants all donations in by Dec. 19 so the coats can be delivered to the Rescue Mission by Christmas.

For details about the coat drive call 510-374-3981 or send an e-mail to [clam@arcoccc.org](mailto:clam@arcoccc.org), [www.contracostaarc.org](http://www.contracostaarc.org).

### Richmond/El Cerrito Firefighters' Annual Toy Program

For the past 19 years, the Richmond/El Cerrito Firefighters' Annual Toy Program has been helping to spread holiday joy to children in West Contra Costa County including Rodeo, Crockett, Pinole, Hercules, San Pablo, El Sobrante, Richmond, El Cerrito and Kensington, as well as Albany. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are currently being collected. Toys and games for all age groups will be accepted, especially gifts for elementary-school aged children and teens. Monetary donations for the Richmond/El Cerrito Toy Program are accepted throughout the year at Bank of the West, 11100 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. For more information about the Toy Program, please contact the Richmond/El Cerrito Firefighters Toy Program at (510) 307-8031 or visit [www.toyprogram.org](http://www.toyprogram.org).

Drop off new toys locations: <http://www.elcerrito.org/news/article.html?aid=362>

**FOOD BARRELS:** El Cerrito City Hall and the Community Center also have food donation barrels supporting the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano and Bay Area Rescue Mission.

**next meeting**

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## quick-takes

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### Theatrical Events

#### The Masquers Play Presents "Rocky Horror Show"

105 Park Place Pt. Richmond, CA  
(510) 232-4031 [www.masquers.org](http://www.masquers.org)  
Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Friday &  
Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm.  
Sunday Matinees at 2:30 on  
November 29 & December 6.  
Seats: \$20.00 Doors open 30 minutes  
before performances. We will also  
be holding two special midnight  
audience participation performances  
on October 31 and November 21.

#### Contra Costa Civic Theatre Presents "Lucky Stiff"

951 Pomona Ave. El Cerrito, CA  
(510)524-9132 <http://www.ccct.org/>  
Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Friday and  
Saturday evenings at 8:00pm  
Sunday Matinees at 2:00pm Seats:  
\$24.00. Ages 16 and under \$15.00.  
This musical theatre scene with this  
madcap murder mystery farce that  
takes us on a whirlwind adventure  
through London, Atlantic City, and  
Monte Carlo, as the cast tries to  
figure out who did what to whom!

### Monday Night Football

Craneway Pavilion  
1414 Harbour Way South  
Richmond, CA 94804  
(510) 215-6000  
Every Monday Night  
During Regular Football Season  
[www.craneway.com](http://www.craneway.com)

### Community meeting about the Arsons with John Gioia

About the arson fires in El Sobrante,  
Richmond, and San Pablo.  
Wed. December 2, at 6 pm.  
El Sobrante Library Reading Room.  
[http://www.co.contra-](http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=589)  
[costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=589](http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=589)

## Christmas Tree Recycling-Help to Prevent Arson and Blight

To help your community meet its state mandated landfill waste diversion goals, *UNFLOCKED, NATURAL* Christmas trees (free of tinsel, ornaments, stands, etc.) will be collected as a part of the green waste recycling program on your scheduled green waste collection day. **Christmas Trees must be placed inside your green cart—cut to size so that contents will fall freely when serviced—**on your scheduled green waste collection day. Please remember that carts with materials extending beyond the rim of the container are subject to extra waste charges.

Flocked and artificial trees, and trees wrapped in cloth or plastic, are not recyclable. Non-recyclable tree pick-up must be scheduled by calling our Customer Service Office at (510) 262-1610. There will be a \$10 pick-up fee for non-recyclable trees. To be collected curbside, non-recyclable natural trees must be cut so that pieces are no longer than 4 feet long. Non-recyclable trees also may be cut to size to fit in the brown waste cart with the lid closed.

### Holiday Garbage Pick-up

For customer convenience, our collectors work their regular schedule on some holidays. When holidays occur Monday-Friday and our Collectors do celebrate holidays with their families, collections will be one day late for the remainder of the week following the holiday (with regular Friday collections being made on Saturday). Holidays of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day. (510) 262-7100. [http://www.richmondsanitaryservice.com/Pages/Home\\_St.aspx](http://www.richmondsanitaryservice.com/Pages/Home_St.aspx)

### Neighborhood Patrol-What about a patrol in Richmond Heights?

Our neighbors from Richmond's North and East neighborhood have formed a citizen patrol to bring neighbors together, deter crime and curb blight. It started in June, following a rash of robberies and burglaries. First vandals struck with graffiti. Then someone attacked 79-year-old Eivaldo "Eddie" Sisneros during his daily walk and Sisneros died. "Enough," residents said, "let's stop talking about crime and feeling helpless." Neighbors decided to start a patrol and thirteen people showed up at Burg Park at 30th Street and Clinton Avenue to begin the evening patrol. They headed out on foot, chatting and laughing as they walk.

Their goal is to look out for the neighborhood and show their neighbors and criminals that residents care — and they are watching. "We're friendly. We're not wannabe cops," Felix Hunziker said. "Our goal is to try to get people together and to act as a deterrent to criminal activities."

Police Chief Chris Magnus has noticed a difference in residents' sense of safety in the neighborhood. Magnus said, "There is power in bringing people together with a shared interest in what their neighborhood looks like." Magnus hopes other neighborhoods will start their own roving patrols.

### Clips from an article in Contra Costa Times by Katherine Tam

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/richmond/ci\\_13839342?source=rss](http://www.contracostatimes.com/richmond/ci_13839342?source=rss)

### Community Violence Solutions

Due to the sexual assault that occurred at Richmond High School and in our community, this may affect some victims who have been assaulted in the past and need support getting through this difficult time. Community Violence Solutions (CVS) is dedicated to working in partnership with the community to end sexual assault and family violence through prevention, crisis services, and treatment. Community Violence Solutions is a non-profit agency that relies on your financial donations and that depends on the efforts of dozens of community volunteers. West Contra Costa County 2101 Van Ness Street, San Pablo, CA 94806 Administrative Office: 510.237.0113 <http://www.cvsolutions.org/>

**Crisis Support for Victims 24-Hour Confidential Crisis Line 800.670.7273.**

## contacts



You'll find many more phone numbers, as well as e-mail links for public services at our website, <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)

### Police Services / Crime Prevention

RP Watch Commander 620-6643  
Michelle Milam 620-6538  
Sergeant Dickerson: 685-2468

### Neighborhood Council issues

Owen Martin 620-0965  
Newsletter Editor:  
[gdm2win@aol.com](mailto:gdm2win@aol.com)

### 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  
Nicole Ewing 621-1591  
Pot Hole Repair 231-3011

### Crime Prevention Meeting

Third Wednesday of every month

330 25<sup>TH</sup> STREET

CONFERENCE ROOM #1

Public Meeting 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

### December, 17 Holiday Dinner

No Meeting in January 2010

### Sergeant Dickerson

Call if you have questions or concerns about police services in our area. Be prepared to leave a message..

Sergeant Dickerson: 510 685-2468

## 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>        | 21 |
| <b>Suspicious vehicle</b>       | 7  |
| <b>Suspicious Event</b>         | 13 |
| <b>Abandoned auto</b>           | 4  |
| <b>Recovered stolen vehicle</b> | 1  |
| <b>Audible/silent alarms</b>    | 38 |
| <b>Disturbance</b>              | 30 |
| <b>911 Disconnect</b>           | 9  |
| <b>Dogs</b>                     | 2  |
| <b>Dumping</b>                  | 2  |
| <b>Stolen vehicles</b>          |    |
| 10/18 10XX Mc Laughlin St.      |    |
| 10/19 52XX McBryde Ave.         |    |
| 10/20 122XX San Pablo Ave..     |    |
| <b>Burglary from business</b>   |    |
| 10/08 49XX McBryde Ave.         |    |
| 10/10 52XX McBryde Ave.         |    |
| 10/21 123XX San Pablo Ave.      |    |
| <b>Burglary from residence</b>  |    |
| 10/04 8XX Humbolt Ave.          |    |
| 10/09 52XX Clinton Ave.         |    |
| 10/12 53XX Clinton Ave.         |    |
| 10/16 51XX Solano Ave.          |    |
| 10/16 51XX Solano Ave.          |    |
| 10/18 54XX Garvin Ave.          |    |
| 10/21 52XX Clinton Ave.         |    |
| 10/21 5XX Key Blvd.             |    |
| 10/22 3XX Key Blvd.             |    |
| 10/25 8XX Kern St.              |    |
| 10/26 7XX McLaughlin Ave.       |    |
| 10/28 8XX McLaughlin Ave.       |    |
| <b>Hit/Run property damage</b>  |    |
| 10/30 Barrett Ave.              |    |
| <b>Vandalism</b>                |    |
| 10/02 50XX Barrett Ave.         |    |
| 10/20 8XX Humbolt St.           |    |
| <b>Trespassing</b>              |    |
| 10/12 10XX Lassen St.           |    |
| 10/14 6XX McLaughlin St.        |    |
| <b>Prowler</b>                  |    |
| 10/27 7XX Humbolt St.           |    |
| <b>Wanted Person</b>            |    |
| 10/18 52XX Solano Ave.          |    |

### Petty theft / stolen property

10/15 49XX Macdonald Ave.  
10/19 San Pablo Ave./McBryde Ave.  
10/21 119XX San Pablo Ave.  
10/27 6XX Ventura St.

### Mail Theft

10/16 6XX Ventura St.

### Identity Theft

10/11 5XX McLaughlin St.

### Theft in Custody

10/13 119XX San Pablo Ave.

### Fraud

10/05 49XX MacDonald Ave.  
10/08 9XX Humbolt Ave.  
10/21 9XX Humbolt Ave.  
10/09 48XX MacDonald Av.  
10/20 7XX Lassen St.  
10/22 128XX San Pablo Ave.

### Robbery

10/09 123XX San Pablo Ave.  
10/11 8XX Ventura St.  
10/18 4XX Wilson Ave.

### Rape

10/27 5XXX Esmond Ave.

### Dead Body

10/19 4XX McLaughlin St

### Assault

10/21 6XX Key Blvd.  
10/21 57XX Clinton Ave.  
10/24 6XX Kern St

### Shots fired

10/02 Garvin Ave./San Pablo Ave  
10/05 San Pablo Ave./McBryde Ave  
10/24 Garvin Ave./Lassen St.

### Drug activity

10/17 15XX Nevin Ave.

### Arson

10/21 10XX Ventura St

### Missing Person

10/29 48XX MacDonald Ave.

### Man Down

10/17 123XX San Pablo Ave.

### Domestic

10/29 5XX McLaughlin St.

### Disturbance Fight

10/11 55XX Esmond Ave.  
10/20 San Pablo Ave./McBryde Ave  
10/30 San Pablo Ave./McBryde Ave

### Calls related juveniles

10/08 Sonoma/Garvin  
10/12 9XX Kern St.  
10/30 49XX McDonald Ave.  
10/31 Bissell Ave./37<sup>th</sup> St.

**at the next RHNC meeting**

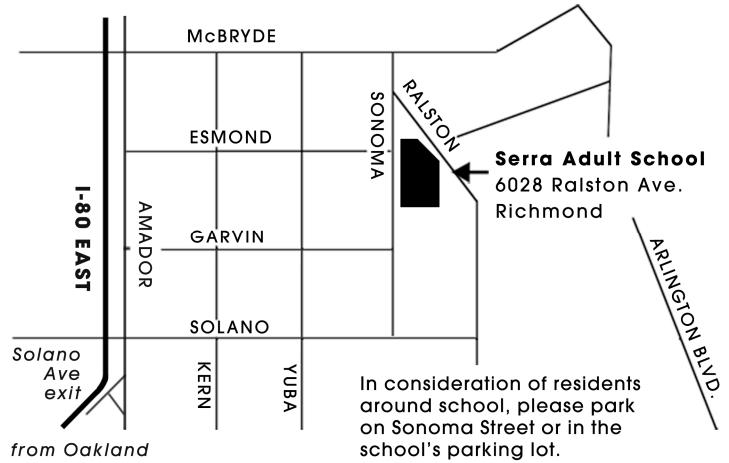
**Richmond Emergency Action  
Community Teams (R.E.A.C.T.)**

A representative from REACT/CERT, an emergency volunteer community-training program, will be our guest speaker at the December 7th meeting. Learn how your neighborhood can be trained to be a part of the REACT/CERT team.

**No meeting in January**

**Next meeting is February 1, 2010**

Guest Speaker for February:  
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors  
John Gioia



**Monday, December 7, 7 PM**

Serra Adult School  
6028 Ralston Avenue

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