

# Views

## Richmond Heights Neighborhood Council

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### quick-takes

#### Get out the Vote

February 5 is the next Election and I hope you are registered and either vote by mail or in person. The only way to show how we feel about the issues is to vote. Those who feel the only way to show how they feel by not voting get what others vote for.

#### Neighborhood Change

Every year people move into or out of an area; also others are born and others pass away. In the year 2007 at least two neighbors past away. Tom Baird past away July 9, 2007 and Jack Tucker past away December 27, 2007. Then two brothers were shot and killed at their restaurant on San Pablo Ave. between Nevin Ave. and Barrett Ave. Condolences to those who lost family and friends last year.

#### Watershed Forum Participant of the Year

The third Quadrennial Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium was held in November in Walnut Creek. Lynne Scarpa, a Richmond city employee was named Watershed Forum Participant/Partner of the Year at this event for providing "unparalleled leadership and support to the Bioassessment Survey Program."

## The Winter Bay Trail Report

Expansion and enrichment of the Bay Trail in Richmond last year including:

- completing 0.6 miles of new trail
- opening Boat Ramp Street shoreline access
- printing and distributing Marina Bay trail guides

Prospects for building up to six miles of new Bay Trail in 2008 due to planning and design work in 2007.

Richmond already has 24.9 miles of San Francisco Bay Trail built -- more than any other city on this planned 500-mile hiking and biking trail encircling San Francisco and San Pablo Bays.

Enjoy the Bay Trail in Richmond, particularly the 4 miles around Marina Bay, the 4.75-mile Ferry Point Loop encircling Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline and phase 1 of the West County Landfill loop trail.

The web sites below have maps and information about trailside recreational, natural and cultural attractions, and the new Marina Bay trail guide is available at City Hall as well as at Point Isabel Regional Shoreline.

TRAC Steering Committee phone / fax is 510 235-2835,

e-mail [tracbaytrail@earthlink.net](mailto:tracbaytrail@earthlink.net) or online at:

<http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail/about.htm>

<http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail/>

<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/TRAC>

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

## Youth Programs on the Richmond Web

Richmond after school programs are held at Booker T. Anderson, Martin Luther King, May Valley, Nevin, Parchester, Point Richmond, Shields / Reid or the Richmond Recreation Complex. They offer arts & crafts, group games, sports, and positive adult mentors on a daily basis. For more info 510/620-6795.

Tennis instruction for ages 3-5 and for ages 7-17 (I guess the 6 year olds get a year off). Please contact the Recreation Dept. at 510/620-6793.

For youth sports ages 8-17 a variety of events seasonally; call 510/620-6793. Youth aquatics offer instruction for beginner to advanced swimmers. There is a form to fill out and return to the Recreation Department office.

The Richmond PAL department is looking for baseball players and coaches.

**next meeting**

See back page for agenda

## **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@richmondcpd.net](mailto:tgard@richmondcpd.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 [owenmartin@earthlink.net](mailto:owenmartin@earthlink.net) with any requests or suggestions.

### **Richmond PAL**

The Richmond PAL department is looking for baseball players and coaches. Hopefully there will be a good turnout for kids to enjoy the game. Parents might encourage their children to participate in this program for exercise, fun, and sportsman ship.

## **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** 62

**Suspicious vehicle** 26

**Abandoned auto** 10

**Recovered stolen vehicle** 22

**Vehicle tampering** 3

**Disturbance** 57

**911 Disconnect** 15

**Dogs** 1

**Dumping** 1

**Stolen vehicle** 23

11/04 5XX Key

11/06 7XX Yuba

11/07 4XX McLaughlin

11/09 8XX Sonoma

11/10 6XX McLaughlin

11/11 52XX McBryde

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11/17 San Pablo / Barrett

11/19 53XX Esmond

11/20 125XX San Pablo

11/20 52XX Solano

12/05 6XX McLaughlin

12/11 123XX San Pablo

12/13 3XX Carlton

12/14 10XX Ventura

12/16 49XX Macdonald

12/17 121XX San Pablo

12/18 123XX San Pablo

12/19 122XX San Pablo

12/22 56XX McBryde

12/28 7XX Lassen

12/28 6XX Yuba

12/29 6XX Sonoma

### **Car jacking**

12/04 6XX Ventura

### **Brandishing a weapon**

11/20 55XX McBryde

12/06 Solano / Ventura

12/23 6XX Yuba

12/30 52XX Solano

### **Drug activity**

11/07 9XX Kern

### **Hit/Run property damage**

11/16 San Pablo / Barrett

11/26 San Pablo / Macdonald

12/18 8XX Lassen

12/23 7XX Courtland

### **Burglary from residence**

11/10 51XX Barrett

11/14 7XX Yuba

11/14 50XX Solano

11/26 9XX Humboldt

11/29 52XX Solano

12/02 51XX McBryde

12/18 57XX Solano

12/26 5XX Dimm

### **Burglary from auto**

11/17 7XX Kern

11/23 7XX McLaughlin

12/19 9XX Humboldt

12/26 9XX Lassen

### **Hold up alarm**

11/06 126XX San Pablo

12/09 128XX San Pablo

12/14 123XX San Pablo

12/26 128XX San Pablo

### **Robbery**

11/27 53XX Zara

11/29 122XX San Pablo

12/07 9XX Lassen

12/30 San Pablo / Barrett

### **Petty theft/stolen property**

11/05 49XX Macdonald

11/12 126XX San Pablo

11/13 7XX Lassen

11/20 10XX Ventura

12/06 49XX Macdonald

12/14 126XX San Pablo

12/18 126XX San Pablo

12/21 125XX San Pablo

12/22 52XX Solano

12/26 122X San Pablo

12/28 10XX Lassen

### **Grand theft**

11/17 7XX Yuba

11/30 7XX Humboldt

12/05 124XX San Pablo



## **Calls for service to the Richmond Police**

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### **Battery**

11/08 9XX McLaughlin  
 11/15 7XX Amador  
 11/20 7XX Amador  
 11/21 49XX Macdonald  
 11/26 9XX Sonoma  
 11/26 125XX San Pablo  
 12/12 51XX Clinton

### **Calls related to juveniles**

11/21 51XX Garvin  
 12/03 Kern / Esmond  
 12/15 Kern / Solano

### **Vandalism**

11/08 Garvin / McLaughlin  
 11/26 57XX Hazel  
 12/01 123XX San Pablo  
 12/07 50XX Barrett  
 12/13 10XX Ventura  
 12/13 6XX Amador  
 12/14 I 80 / San Pablo  
 12/15 10XX Ventura  
 12/23 9XX Kern  
 12/27 122XX San Pablo

### **Fireworks**

12/08 52XX McBryde

### **Assault w/ deadly weapon**

12/14 San Pablo / Macdonald

### **Shots fired**

11/15 San Pablo / Macdonald  
 11/16 54XX Esmond  
 12/03 51XX Solano

### **Shooting at occupied dwelling**

11/16 54XX Esmond

### **Shooting**

12/27 122XX San Pablo

### **Rape**

12/21 125XX San Pablo

## **Contra Costa Crisis Center**

“Hope Matters” is statement on the brochure for the 24 hour crisis and suicide hotline center. 800/833-2900 is the number to the only CCC suicide prevention hotline. Founded in 1963, it was one of the first in the United States. All local calls to the two national suicide holiness 800/273-TALK and 800/SUICIDE) are routed there. They also answer all after hours child abuse calls made to Children’s Protective Services, after hours elder abuse calls to Adult Productive Services, as well as calls to the California SIDS Hotline.

Grief counseling services at 800/837-1818, started in 1973, can be done both in a person’s home and at the Crisis Center. Support groups, facilitated by experts, meet throughout the county for children, adults, survivors after suicide, families victimized by Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and others. A special team provides counseling at schools and businesses following a death.

Homeless services at 800/808-6444 are a key point of contact in CCC continuum of care for homeless people. Through the hotline, individuals and families are referred to local shelters, emergency shelters, emergency food programs, health care services, legal assistance, job training, and more.

Youth violence prevention has a 24 hour tip line, 800/863-7600. This is a safe place where students and parents can call anonymously to report weapons on campus, another student’s homicidal or suicidal remarks, bullying, homophobic behavior, or other acts potentially leading to violence.

211 is a national three digit number to call for information about local health and social services. This number helps people meet their everyday needs and also plays a major role in disaster response. The Contra Costa Crisis Center is the agency authorized to answer all 211 calls in our county. They also manage and maintain CORD (County Online Resource Database), which has information on 2,500 services available to county residents. They are accessible in nine languages at [www.cccord.org](http://www.cccord.org).

For more information they also have a web site at [www.crisis-center.org](http://www.crisis-center.org).

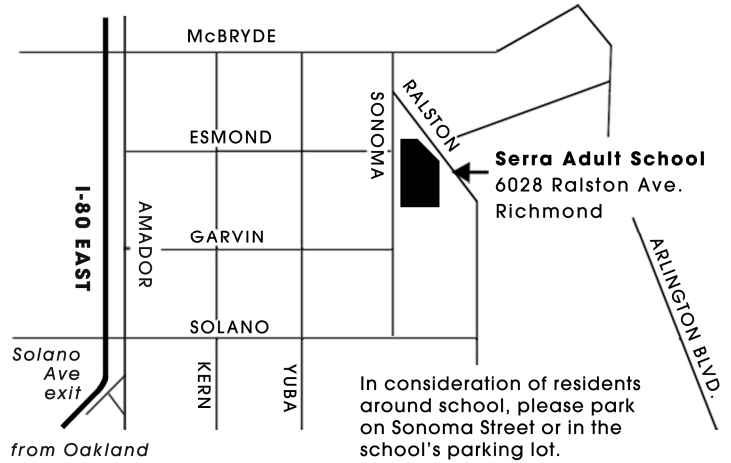
## **Police Officers reassigned**

Every year the Richmond Police Officers have an “open” bid process and this year the officers are looking at a three day / twelve hour work week. So hopefully Tim Gard will be our “Neighborhood Beat Officer”, but we will not know until late January or early February which officer will be attending our meetings for the upcoming year. In addition to our Beat Officer any officer is welcome to attend our meetings to get to know the neighbors. Recently the Richmond Police invited neighbors to meet the officers of the Northern Beat at the police station, perhaps after the reassignment there will be another opportunity to meet our officers and more of the community will attend.

**at the next RHNC meeting**

**Jeff Simas Street Maintenance**

*Part of the work Jeff does is to schedule pothole repairs on our city streets. If you see potholes, please call them in and ask that they be filled. Then, please let the department know we appreciate their work.*



**Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**  
Serra Adult School  
6028 Ralston Avenue

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