

Views

East Richmond Neighborhood Council

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quick-takes

Celebration for Creekkniks

A ribbon-cutting celebration to officially open Baxter Creek Gateway Park has been scheduled for Saturday, September 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). There will be lots of music, food, state and local officials. And a special tree will be planted in memory of El Cerrito's beloved Emmy Damon, with a bench in her honor beneath the canopy.

Consider becoming an official (volunteer) Steward of the Baxter Creek Watershed at the ribbon-cutting. Among the perks are a free FOBC T-shirt, a fashion must in our neighborhood.

More information about the event will be placed on the Friends of Baxter Creek website soon and sent out by e-mail. Spread the word to your friends, children, and neighbors -- all will be welcome. For more information, write to apple@thewatershedproject.org.

Richmond Bay Trail Network

Cool new Bay Trail caps and shirts (both crew neck & fitted) are available now in a variety of colors at <http://www.baytrail.org/> by clicking on "Bay Trail Store" and placing your order.

But wait, there are free caps or shirts available (courtesy of Republic Services) for the first three individuals who email tracbaytrail@earthlink.net with the titles of:

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Redevelopment for Del Norte Bart Lots

The developer of the Richmond Transit Village hopes to buy three pieces of land near the Del Norte BART station in an effort to build a high-density housing and commercial project there.

Known as the "Mayfair Block," the land is bound by San Pablo and Knott avenues, Kearney Street and Cutting Boulevard. The property is currently used as a pay parking lot. The Olson Co. is in negotiations to buy one piece of the block, and has entered into an exclusive negotiating rights agreement for another piece owned by the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency.

During the next year, the Olson Co. and the redevelopment agency will negotiate the terms of a disposition and development agreement. Those terms will include the purchase price for the land, the parameters of development, and the state requirements for affordable housing at the site.

Olson must now submit site plans and conceptual drawings as well as a detailed financial analysis for its project. Olson will need to resubmit the plans if they're not acceptable to the agency. Olson will have 45 days to provide the agency with a proposed schedule of performance, including the dates of obtaining land use entitlements and financing commitments and the date for submittal of construction plans to the city.

In addition, Olson will pay for any environmental documents required under the California Environmental Quality Act.

For Walkers, Walkability has Benefits

It is a truth universally acknowledged that suburbanites don't walk as much as urbanites, which is why more of us are overweight than used to be the case. This truism is at the basis of the new urbanism design movement, whose influence can be seen at Bart's transit villages (Richmond's and the Fruitvale Station's transit villages are examples). But sloth doesn't discriminate against suburbs, according to a recent University of Minnesota study on physical activity. The three-year study, conducted by proponent of new urbanism, suggests that city and suburban residents typically get about the same amount of exercise.

The only difference, the study found, is that suburbanites walk and bike more for leisure -- using parks, trails and neighborhood streets -- while city dwellers walk and bike more for errands or work. In the end, they all log about the same amount of miles.

Equally surprising is the study's assertion that city dwellers don't walk nearly as much everyone thinks. Urbanites walked only a half-mile per day on average not enough to offset even a super-sized burger and large fries.

The study did not intend to puncture the idea that neighborhoods can be redesigned to increase physical activity, said researchers at the Design Center for American Urban Landscape at the university. Similar studies around the country are coming to the same conclusion, they say.

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Richmond Bay Trail Network

- the panels at both western spur ends of the West County Landfill phase I trail and
- all six interpretive panels in Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline between the Ferry Point tunnel and Ferry Point itself.

For trail locations, download the colorful Richmond Bay Trail map at <http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail/>. Please only one prize per household. (Employees of ABAG, EBRPD and Republic Services and their families are not eligible.)

Long Running Musical Comes to Richmond

The Fantastiks, the longest-running musical in history (no kidding), comes to the Masquers stage this summer.

In a story that reverses the plot of "Romeo and Juliet," two fathers conspire to bring their children together romantically by staging a feud between the two families. Their deception produces unexpected results when they hire the mysterious "El Gallo" to raise the stakes for the young lovers.

This production, directed by Marti Baer, runs June 9 to July 22.

All seating is general admission, and tickets are \$18.00. Evening performances start at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.. The box office opens 30 minutes before the curtain. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.masquers.org/.

For Walkers, Walkability has Benefits

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That doesn't mean we shouldn't do a better job designing neighborhoods for foot and bike traffic, said the researchers. More compact development with different housing types, wide intersections with medians and crosswalks; benches and walking/riding paths, and more trees encourage exercise options and have environmental, economic and aesthetic benefits. But what's also needed are programs and policies to change the culture that places driving above walking.

It may turn out that microenvironments – such as where we work – hold more promise to combating epidemics such as obesity and diabetes which are related to exercise. An example: Desks where people stand instead of sit double the amount of calories that one burns.

On the other hand, when gas hits \$5/gallon, walking's popularity could get a big boost.

Art Center: Big Summer Doings

The Richmond Art Center wants you! RAC is currently calling for artwork for its fall Members Only Exhibition. If you're an artist, and you're a member of RAC, that would be you.

This annual non-juried show is open to all artist, family and patron members. The exhibit will be held in RAC's community gallery from September 5 to November 11, 2006. One to three artist(s) will be selected to be featured in an exhibition in the Fall of 2007 in the center's south gallery.

Submission of one piece per member is free with membership. For more information on how to submit, please visit the center's web site at therichmondartcenter.com or call 510.620.6772.

If you're looking inspiration, RAC's summer exhibitions are open, and run through August 13, 2006, with a reception for artists in all exhibitions on Saturday, July 8, 2:00 through 5:00 p.m.

Featured in the main gallery is Microcosm, a group exhibition of artists who take inspiration from the patterns of the natural world, featuring Sydney Buffman, Reed Danziger, Alison Foshee, Benicia Gantner, Dee Hibbert-Jones, Seth Koen, Seth Minor, Sean Olson, Mel Prest, Nomi Talisman, Victoria Wagner, Alexis Weidig, and Renee Whitworth.

Over in the south gallery, check out the Eighth International Juried Enamel Exhibition of contemporary and innovative enamel art being created nationally and Internationally.

The west gallery will feature James Gouldthorpe: Cast-offs. Using materials from a three-month residency at the San Francisco Dump, Gouldthorpe, like an archaeologist, explores avenues into our cultural trash heap, sifting through layers of history.

Finally, in the community gallery, have a look at Four Ways: Art from the Emerging Teen Artists Program. This features work created by high school students with artistic promise who worked with professional artists for the last academic school year. The show includes screen prints, sculpture, and drawings that the students curated themselves.

contacts



You'll find many more phone numbers, as well as e-mail links for public services at our website, www.eastrichmond.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 John Scott 620-6642

General security concerns, other police services

RP Watch Commander 620-6643

Neighborhood Council issues

Gina Swirsding *82-232-1675

Report blight and graffiti

Richmond 321-3010
CalTrans 925-926-6112

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 APASTER@jbp.com with any requests or suggestions. If you have something you would like to write yourself, we are also all ears. This is your newsletter.

Social Security Relocates

As of Monday, June 26, customer service is at 3164 Garrity Way. Near Hilltop Mall, ample free parking and bus lines #72 & #74. Hours are from 9a.m. until 4:30p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 800-772-1213 for questions or appointments.

Calls for service to the Richmond Police

Calls made to the Richmond Police from May 1-31. Statistics are provided each month by Perry Austin of RPD, whose support and assistance we continue to appreciate.

Suspicious person 12
Suspicious vehicle 11
Abandoned auto 30
Recovered stolen vehicle 6
Disturbance 37
Dumping 2
Stolen vehicle 13

5/3 63XX McLaughlin
5/4 49XX Clinton
5/10 4XX Carlston
5/11 54XX McBryde
5/11 7XX Yuba
5/13 6XX McLaughlin
5/18 9XX Humboldt
5/19 52XX Esmond
5/21 7XX McLaughlin
5/22 50XX Clinton
5/25 7XX Lassen
5/26 7XX McLaughlin
5/29 7XX Lassen

Hit/Run Property Damage

5/25 Garvin / San Pablo

Battery

5/8 126XX San Pablo
5/17 9XX Humboldt
5/28 Macdonald / San Pablo
5/29 Esmond / McLaughlin

Shots fired

5/5 52XX McBryde
5/24 Esmond / Kern
5/25 8XX Lassen

Brandishing a weapon

5/3 52XX Solano
5/30 54XX Clinton

Robbery

5/8 122XX San Pablo
5/12 7XX Ventura

Burglary from auto

5/11 53XX Zara
5/19 4XX Key
5/25 5XX Dim
5/28 51XX Clinton

Burglary from auto

5/3 Macdonald / San Pablo
5/12 126XX San Pablo

Burglary from Residence

5/23 6XX McLaughlin

Petty theft/stolen property

5/2 126XX San Pablo
5/3 55XX Esmond
5/7 6XX McLaughlin
5/9 123XX San Pablo
5/11 6XX Sonoma
5/25 6XX Ventura

Calls related to Juveniles

5/7 53XX Esmond
5/18 9XX Yuba
5/20 Barrett / San Pablo

Vandalism

5/8 52XX Solano

Hold up alarm

5/1 121XX San Pablo
5/30 126XX San Pablo

Carjacking

5/30 Nevin / San Pablo

Drug activity

5/31 8XX Kern

East Richmond Heights Makes Wikipedia

Up in the hill country, practically touching the clouds, you'll find East Richmond Heights. The Heights is many things to many people. Its the neighborhood between the city line and Wildcat Canyon. It's a hot area to buy a house. And its an entry in Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia.

So what does Wikipedia tells us about East Richmond Heights.

As of 2000, East Richmond Heights had 3,357 people, 1,377 households, and 885 families. There were 1,406 housing units. We are 64.13 percent White, 13.94 percent Black or African American, 0.66 percent Native American, 10.72 percent Asian, 0.54 percent Pacific Islander, 3.90 percent from other races, and 6.11 percent from two or more races. Just over 10 percent of the aforementioned population groups are also Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There were 1,377 households out of which 23.6 percent had children under the age of 18 living with them, 48.7 percent were married couples living together, 11.4 percent had a female householder with no husband present, and 35.7 percent were non-families. 26.9 percent of all households were made up of individuals and 10.1 percent had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.43 and the average family size was 2.94.

Age-wise, those East Richmond Heightites are all over the place. In 2000, 19.0 percent were under the age of 18, 5.6 percent from 18 to 24, 29.8 percent from 25 to 44, 31.0 percent from 45 to 64, and 14.5 percent who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 42 years. For every 100 females there were 94.5 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 91.2 males.

Way back in 2000, the average income of a Heights family was \$60,588. Males had a median income of \$46,771 versus \$43,190 for females. The per capita income for East Richmond Heights was \$27,873. About 1.3 percent of families and 5.3 percent of the population were below the poverty line, including 6.4 percent of those are under age 18 and 3.9 percent of those are age 65 or over.

You can read it yourself by navigating to <http://en.wikipedia.org>, and entering "East Richmond Heights" in the search engine. (The City of Richmond and a smattering of its other neighborhoods also have entries.)

Anyone care to create an entry for East Richmond?

Point Richmond Music Schedule

The Point Richmond Music 2006 schedule has been published, and has shaped up to be their best ever schedule, including the best of the Bay area's roots music.

The progra.m. features three great Friday night concerts and of course, the day-long Saturday festival. In addition, you'll see 50 artists displaying and selling cool art, and lots of food and drink.

FRIDAY, June 2, 5:30-6:40 p.m., Harry Best and Shabang, Steel drum, Caribbean music; 6:55-8:05 p.m., [Tom Rigney and Flambeau](#), Zydeco and Cajun music

FRIDAY, July 7, 5:30-6:15 p.m., [David Thom Band](#), Bluegrass; 6:25-8:00 p.m., Billy Boys

FRIDAY, August 4, 5:30-6:15 p.m., [Jimbo Trout and the Fish People](#), Bluegrass, ragtime, honky tonk ,6:25-8:00 p.m., [Birdlegg and the Tightfit Blues Band](#)

SATURDAY, September 9, 11:10-11:30 a.m., Crunchy Frog, kids; 11:45 a.m. - 12:35 p.m., Ron Matthews, top 400; 12:50-1:40 p.m., [Dave Crimmen Band](#), Rockabilly; 1:55-2:45 p.m., Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic; 3:00-3:50 p.m., Lava; 4:05 p.m. till the lights go out, To Be Announced

National Night Out Tuesday, August 1, 2006

"Kick-Off" Site Police Station

Be Apart of Our Caravan Stops or the "End-Party"

Get Your Application In Early!!

For questions or further information please, call Marie Ries, at (510) 236-4052 or come to our crime prevention meeting. See the attached letter (the next page of this newsletter) for details.

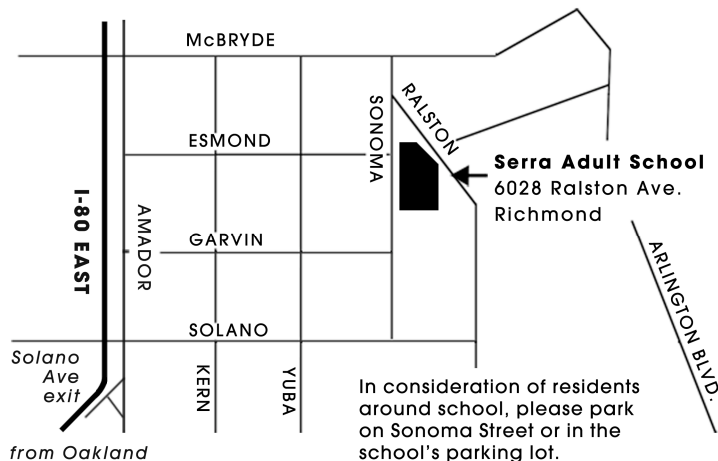
City of Richmond Crime Prevention Program: 330 25th street Conference room #1 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The meeting is held on the third Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be on July 19, 2006.

at the next ERNC meeting

Topic of next meeting

Neighborhood Watch: Come with your ideas and problems with your neighborhood watch group or learn how to start a group. Let us join together and declare to crime that we're taking back our streets. We are trying to get a speaker who will discuss strategies in solving problems with difficult neighbors.



Monday, July 17th, 7 PM
Serra Adult School
6028 Ralston Avenue

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