

Views

Richmond Heights Neighborhood Council

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quick-takes

Littering Is A Crime. Really

Garbage goes in the pail. In case there is any doubt, take heed of City of Richmond ordinance 9.20.050. Placing solid wastes on streets, sidewalks, etc., is prohibited. The ordinance says it is unlawful for any person to throw, place, scatter or deposit any solid wastes upon any street, sidewalk, public place or publicly owned property in the City or to cause or permit any solid wastes to be thrown, placed, scattered or deposited on said public property by or through an employee, agent, representative or anyone acting for or on behalf of that person, except that a property owner may place properly packaged materials at the curb on regularly scheduled days established by the City or the collector for the removal of the same.

Fall Rosie Festival in Works

Richmond will roll out the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park this fall with a three day Home Front themed festival that is expected to attract regional as well as national interest. The festival has been set at the same time of Richmond's former "Festival by the Bay" to take advantage of the weather, and it will incorporate everything that the "Festival by the Bay" offered, plus more.

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First Phase of Greenway Opens

The first phase of the Richmond Greenway officially opened last month. The greenway is a wide, grassy swath of open space that runs from Second Street, through several densely populated Richmond neighborhoods, to 23rd Street.

When completed, the Richmond Greenway will have transformed a large stretch of previously abandoned railroad property into both a local and regional transportation and open space resource. The greenway will provide people with opportunities to walk, bike, exercise, socialize, learn about their community, observe local wildlife, and experience the outdoors with their families and friends.

The Richmond Greenway will run along the former Santa Fe railroad corridor parallel to Ohio and Chanslor Streets and will ultimately connect the San Francisco Bay Trail on the west.

When completed, the landscaped and paved greenway will run near or through eight Richmond neighborhoods, including the Iron Triangle, Coronado and Park Plaza. It will link with the San Francisco Bay Trail to the west and connect with the Ohlone Greenway that runs through El Cerrito, Albany, and Berkeley.

The first phase, the west section, was built on the former Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad line. The second phase, which, if all goes well, should be completed by November 2008, will continue from 23rd Street to behind the Target store planned for Macdonald Avenue near 45th Street.

The third and final phase -- the shortest at one fifth of a mile -- will be the most complicated to complete. City officials will have to negotiate an easement with BART and contend with a retrofit of the elevated BART tracks.

New Masquers Production

Ring Around the Moon by French dramatist Jean Anouilh will run at Masquers Playhouse June 8 through July 14. Anouilh is best known for his play Waltz of the Toreadors and also Becket upon, whose 1963 film version was highly successful.

The story of Ring features twin brothers Frederic, who is shy and sensitive, and Hugo, who is heartless and aggressive. Frederic is in love with a hussy who is in love with Hugo. To save Frederic from an unhappy marriage, Hugo tries to distract him by bringing to a ball a beautiful dancer who masquerades as a mysterious personage and becomes the triumph of the occasion. She is a susceptible maiden in her own right. She not only breaks up all the cynical romances that have been going on before she arrived, but loses her own heart as well.

For more information or to order tickets, call 510 232-3888.

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Fall Rosie Festival in Works

Individual volunteers and staff from: the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park, Rosie the Riveter Trust, the City of Richmond, along with volunteers from many other organizations, are planning the Home Front Festival By the Bay to occur the last weekend of September (28, 29 and 30). For more information or to find out how to volunteer visit www.homefrontfestival.com.

East Bay Center Events

The East Bay Center for the Performing Arts has a busy June, with many benefits for neighbors who want to enjoy the plethora of diverse music and talents that pervade the center

Soul Endeavor Recitals will be held on Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the center's theater. The performance features students at all levels presenting solar work.

The next weekend features Iron Triangle Musical Theater, held Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16, at 1:30 p.m., also at the center's main theater. The event features a cabaret musical production about revolution.

The East Bay Center for the Performing Arts is located at 339 11th Street. For more information, call 234-5624

Mayor McLaughlin's Web Page

Neighbors interested in hearing more about Mayor McLaughlin's policies, or reading the text of her speeches, can visit her web site at www.gaylemclaughlin.net. There you'll also find a selection of online news articles to promote Richmond.

Richmond's Green Business Climate

Richmond may be synonymous with chemical plants and smokestacks, but it's taking steps in a green direction. The city has promoted its renewable energy for the past several years, but under the direction of new Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, its efforts are increasing. In the past two months, the City Council gave accommodations to five green business owners, directed the city staff to maximize incentives for new green businesses, and recently declared the city a green business economic development zone.

The plan is to have Richmond become a flagship city in the United States to move all industrial cities toward creating a legacy of clean air, clean water and sustainable businesses, according to the mayor's office. Richmond already has 16 certified green businesses, the fourth highest number in Contra Costa County, and the city is gearing up to aggressively pursue more.

Son of Civil Rights Leader Pays Condolences

Martin Luther King III visited Richmond last month on a sorrowful errand: visiting the grandmother of a homicide victim and touring the troubled streets of North Richmond. The 50 year old son of famed civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. spent three days in Richmond, in the midst of a 50 city Poverty in America Tour. He met with residents, community leaders and city officials to document conditions of poverty and its consequences. The goal is to provide legislators with information that will help them target funding toward the root causes of poverty.

He also spent time with a North Richmond grocery store owner to learn about the small business environment, and held a town hall meeting at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium to talk about what he has learned from his visit and also to hear additional comments from the public. Mr. King last visited Richmond eight years ago.

Summer Job in Nystrom Neighborhood

Funding is available to support a summer intern to help work on the Nyrstrom Urban Rehabilitation Effort (NURVE) project in Richmond. If you know of anyone who is may be qualified and interested, particularly someone who lives in Richmond and/or the Santa Fe or Coronado neighborhoods, encourage them to apply for this position.

NURVE is a program committed to improving a number of institutions in the Nystrom Neighborhood, a location where the Coronado, Santa Fe and Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council areas converge. These include the [Maritime Child Care Center](#), Nystrom School, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and Community Center.

For more information about funding for the intern position, contact Allison Brooks at the East Bay Community Foundation, at 208-0840.

Point Richmond Music Wants You

Point Richmond Music is recruiting new members to help produce its 2007 concert series. PRM is in its sixth year, providing a free summer concerts series in downtown Point Richmond. It has grown from a handful of volunteers who thought a Friday evening concert was a great way to unwind, to a seasoned group of dedicated concert producers who still do. *Continues on page 3*

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

General security concerns, other police services

RP Watch Commander 620-6643

Neighborhood Council issues

Gina Swirsding *82-232-1675

Report blight and graffiti

Richmond 231-3010

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 owenlmartin@earthlink.net with any requests or suggestions. If you have something you would like to write yourself, we are also all ears.

P R Music Wants You

In addition to after work concerts in June, July and August, PRM has been producing September all day Art and Music festivals for five years. The array of musicians and artists hails primarily from the East Bay, with well known headliners providing the draw. The variety of music ranges from blues, jazz and bluegrass to gospel, hip-hop and more.

To get involved, contact Andrew Butt at Andrew.Butt@intres.com.

Calls for service to the Richmond Police

Calls made to the Richmond Police become Statistics provided to us each month by Perry Austin of RPD, whose support and assistance we continue to appreciate.

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| Suspicious person | 12 |
| Suspicious vehicle | 11 |
| Abandoned auto | 10 |
| Recovered stolen vehicle | 6 |
| Vehicle tampering | none |
| Disturbance | 20 |
| 911 Disconnect | 12 |
| Dogs | 5 |
| Dumping | 1 |
| Stolen vehicle | 7 |

4/03 8XX Lassen

4/05 123XX San Pablo

4/10 122XX San Pablo

4/13 50XX Clinton

4/16 4XX Carlston

4/17 3XX Carlston

4/29 125XX San Pablo

Hit/Run with injuries

4/18 123XX San Pablo

Hit/Run property damage

4/07 Esmond / Amador

4/29 56XX Sierra

Burglary from residence

4/08 7XX McLaughlin

4/13 52XX Solano

4/14 52XX Solano

4/19 10XX McLaughlin

4/21 9XX Kern

4/24 6XX Ventura

Burglary from auto

4/22 56XX McBryde

4/24 10XX Lassen

4/26 6XX McLaughlin

4/27 9XX Amador

Prostitution

4/23 49XX Macdonald

Hold up alarm

4/17 46XX Barrett

Robbery

4/25 Solano / Amador

Petty theft/stolen property

4/02 121XX San Pablo

4/22 126XX San Pablo

4/27 9XX Amador

4/29 55XX McBryde

Grand theft

4/03 9XX Lassen

Battery

4/15 Solano / McLaughlin

4/15 Solano / McLaughlin

4/18 123XX San Pablo

4/26 6XX Amador

4/28 10XX McLaughlin

4/29 7XX Humboldt

Assault w/ deadly weapon

4/18 Macdonald / San Pablo

4/29 51XX Clinton

Rape

4/05 5XX Key

Shooting at occupied dwelling

4/25 122XX San Pablo

Shots fired

4/08 McLaughlin / Garvin

Calls related to juveniles

4/05 Esmond / Kern

4/19 51XX Clinton

4/23 4XX Key

4/22 7XX Amador

4/28 7XX McLaughlin

Drug activity

4/19 9XX Kern

Vandalism

4/07 52XX Esmond

4/13 5XX McLaughlin

4/25 7XX Sonoma

4/28 122XX San Pablo

Arson

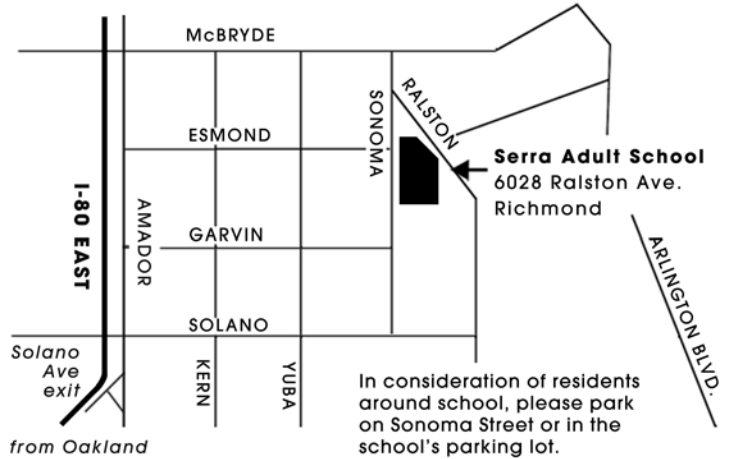
4/23 52XX Solano

at the next RHNC meeting

General Plan Update Meeting

Lori Reese-Brown, Principal Planner, Community & Economic Development Group will be our guest speaker asking us what we would like to see in the future for Richmond.

Also, Officer Tim Gard is back on duty and our new Community Police Officer. Please welcome him to his second meeting.



Monday, June 4th, 7 PM
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6028 Ralston Avenue

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