

# Views

**East Richmond Neighborhood Council**

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## quick-takes

### Parents as partners & leaders

Conference on March 11, 2006. The WCC Unified School District invites parents and families of WCC Unified students to the Parents as Partners and Leaders Conference, which will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2006 at Lovonya Dejean Middle School, 3400 Macdonald Ave., Richmond. The conference is designed to provide parents and families with the support needed to assume partnership roles in their children's education and leadership roles at their respective schools. For more information, contact the Communications and Community Engagement Dept. (510)620-2245.

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration begins March 1, 2006 and will be held all month long at all WCCUSD elementary schools. Registration periods will be 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00p.m. Parents and families registering their child must bring the following: proof of age (must be 5 yrs old by December 2, 2006); birth certificate or baptismal record, proof of immunizations, proof of residence (P.G.&E., EBMUD, RSS, or residence phone bill, California ID, drivers license, social services statement, bank statement or other ID with residence address). Cell phone bill do not qualify.

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## Good Times for Richmond's Outdoorsniks

Whether you bike on the bay or pull weeds along creeks, 2005 was very good year for nature lovers, and 2006 will be even better.

Richmond's Bay Trail saw construction begin on three trail segments totaling 2.7 miles, for which \$500k in new grants and appropriations were obtained for planning and designing. In addition, 33 new exhibit panels designed during 2005 will be appearing along the trail early this year.

Richmond has an astonishing 24 miles of completed Bay Trail, with 17 miles of gaps remaining in the planning route. With more work and planning, the two major gaps will be filled, with the greatest challenge a gap of almost 7 miles between The Plunge and the Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor. Those who want to stay on top of these developments can get more information at <http://rcvb-ca.com/baytrail.htm>.

Meanwhile, the restoration of our local branch of Baxter Creek, on what had been the Adachi property, had its unveiling recently. The Baxter Creek Gateway restoration is located on San Pablo Ave. just south of Macdonald Ave. in El Cerrito. There is still much work to be done, and volunteers to be recruited. If you are a zealous opponent of invasive plant species, this is the assignment for you. More information, including how to volunteer, can be found at: [www.thewatershedproject.org/](http://www.thewatershedproject.org/).

## Guides for Perplexed Parents

If you are looking for tips on parenting, this is your month. Kaiser Permanente and Pinole Middle School are both offering valuable classes.

Kaiser location at 901 Nevin Ave. is offering the following classes:

**Discipline and Temperament Parenting Series:** This covers learning and developing the skills needed to successfully parent 2 to 12 year olds. Topics covered include child temperament, effective discipline, setting limits, and parenting styles. The class is free of charge, offered quarterly, and open to the public. For dates, times, and location, please call Pediatrics at (510) 307-2508.

**Parenting Your Teenager:** Here's one for parents of adolescents and teens. Topics covered include communication, schoolwork, sex and drugs. Teens are invited to attend. The class is free, open to the public, and consists of six evening sessions. For dates, times, and location call Health Education at (510)307-2210.

**The Parent Project:** Here are proven strategies for parents raising today's children and teens, including putting a stop to parent/child arguments and learning how to "out will" your strong willed child. The 11 session class has a \$60 class fee and a \$20 workbook fee. For dates, times, location, please call Dan Alterman at (510) 307-2210.

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Some schools will offer both morning (a.m.) and afternoon (p.m.) Kindergarten, parents must indicate their preference. For information please call your resident school.

Parents who need assistance registering their children in Spanish, Vietnamese or Mien may receive assistance at the RAP Center in EL Services, March 1-31, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Nystrom Elementary School, 230 Harbor Way South, Room 10A, Richmond, CA 94801. For more information call (510)232-8050.

### Grand Reopening of Library

Castro Elementary School has celebrated the Grand Reopening of its school library on Thursday, February 9, 2006. After some fund raising and breath-holding the library has been rebuilt after being destroyed in a fire last April.

Congratulations to Castro and thanks to those in the community who rallied around this important community resource. For more info call Castro Elementary School at (510)234-6200.

### Technology Classes Offered

The Contra Costa County Office of Education is offering a series of tech classes geared toward the K-12 curriculum. Classes are held from now until June (with varying start times), and registration is open to the public. Teachers, administrators and school staff may enroll at the educator price.

Software applications covered include MS Excel, Word, Powerpoint, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop Elements, Macromedia Flash, Palm OS.

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## Black Artists Exhibit Celebrates Tenth Year

For a decade, the Richmond Art Center has presented "The Art of Living Black" and this year's program is now underway. This series is the Bay Area's only annual non-juried exhibition through the arts, TAOLB was co-founded by artist Rae Louise Hayward and the late artist and activist Jan Hart-Schuyers. The event has three parts: a group exhibition at the Richmond Art Center, a self-guided art tour over two weekends and satellite exhibitions throughout the Bay Area. Exhibiting artists will offer work for sale in a variety of media.

The group exhibition, featuring artwork by more than 100 artists, runs through March 19, 2006 at the Richmond Art Center. For more information about the exhibition, classes, or other events, visit <http://www.therac.org/>.

### New Production at Masquer's

"Never, never bore the public," said Noel Coward when asked about his approach to writing. Now, more than 50 years after his heyday, Coward's works continue to be performed and enjoyed. Richmondites can see for themselves with *Relative Values*, in production from March 31<sup>st</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Masquer's Playhouse. In brief: this is a comedy of culture assailed by crassness in early 1950's England, where Nigel, the son of the Countess of Marshwood, announces his intention to marry the American actress, Miranda Frayle. For more information, call (510) 232-4031.

### A Course in the Restaurant Business

If you are one of the millions of people who have said to themselves, "I sure wish I ran my own restaurant" then Richmond's West Contra Costa Business Development Center has a program for you. This nonprofit organization was established in 1995 to promote entrepreneurship among low-income individuals and larger communities.

The center is running a 9 week program to provide potential restaurant entrepreneurs with all sorts of guidance and advice for people interested in starting, owning and operating a restaurant. The course takes place at Contra Costa College in San Pablo, using the college's facilities and instructors.

The cost of the program, including instructional materials, comes to \$80 per student. Because the center serves mostly low-income people, services are typically free and offered in English and Spanish. Residents of Richmond, San Pablo, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Pinole, Rodeo, and Hercules are eligible for assistance from the center.

There is room for 25 course participants, who will learn about how to create a business plan, site development, menu planning and skills needed to manage a restaurant staff. For more information about the program and the center, go to [www.wccbdc.org](http://www.wccbdc.org) or call (510)236-3690.

### "You Make a Difference" Award Ceremony

The WCCUSD Community Advisory Committee for Special Education will honor parents, students, community members, educators and school staff on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Lovonya DeJean Middle School auditorium. For more information please call (510)741-2800.

Emphasis is given to activities involving mainstreaming, integration, career development, curriculum enhancement, job placement, volunteerism and fostering parental involvement.

## contacts



You'll find many more phone numbers, as well as e-mail links for public services at our website, [www.eastrichmond.org](http://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 Ellis 620-6646

**General security concerns, other police services**  
RP Watch Commander 620-6643

**Neighborhood council issues**  
Gina Swirsding \*82-232-1675  
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**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 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 [APASTERN@jbp.com](mailto:APASTERN@jbp.com) with any requests or suggestions.

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### Tech Classes Offered

The majority of classes will be in the CCCOE Multi-Media Lab, 77 Santa Barbara Rd., Pleasant Hill, and run from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.. unless otherwise noted. Registration deadlines are one working day prior to the class start date. For more info <http://data.cccoe.net/Lasso/Reg/index.lasso>. or contact Eileen C. Walters at (925)942-5399.

## Calls for service to the Richmond Police

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

**Abandoned auto**  
20 occurrences

**Stolen vehicle**  
01/02 7XX Amador  
01/08 52XX Esmond  
01/13 122XX San Pablo  
01/16 8XX Lassen  
01/20 San Pablo / Barrett  
01/27 7XX McLaughlin  
01/28 52XX Solano  
01/31 9XX Amador

**Recovered stolen vehicle**  
01/09 9XX Lassen  
01/12 6XX Amador  
01/19 Yuba / Esmond

**Hit/run property damage**  
01/05 Macdonald / San Pablo  
0122 9XX Amador

**Robbery**  
01/10 128XX San Pablo  
01/11 123XX San Pablo  
01/13 128XX San Pablo  
01/18 128XX San Pablo  
01/19 123XX San Pablo  
01/25 48XX Macdonald

**Drug related activity**  
01/28 49XX Garvin

**Battery**  
01/20 125XX San Pablo  
01/21 54XX Sierra

**Burglary from auto**  
01/02 7XX Kern  
01/16 9XX Yuba  
01/20 6XX Ventura  
01/27 7XX Kern  
01/31 9XX Humboldt  
01/31 50XX Clinton

**Burglary from residence**  
01/06 50XX Garvin  
01/09 4XX Key  
01/12 7XX Amador  
01/13 10XX McLaughlin  
01/15 50XX Clinton

**Petty theft/stolen property**  
01/26 51XX Prather  
01/27 50XX Clinton  
01/29 49XX Macdonald

**Vandalism**  
01/09 49XX Roosevelt  
01/10 8XX Humboldt  
01/11 51XX Solano  
01/14 43XX Zara  
01/16 9XX Yuba  
01/26 51XX Solano

**Calls related to juveniles**  
01/09 9XX Kern  
01/11 Esmond / Kern  
01/20 McBryde / Amador  
01/26 Mount/Silva

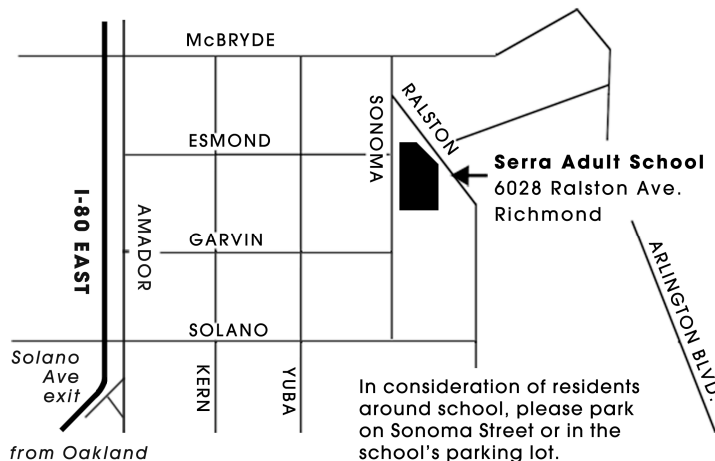
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Meanwhile, Pinole Middle School and WCCUSD Adult Education are offering the Total Transformation Program, a free 8 week class on parenting techniques and solutions to issues faced by families with teenagers. The class will have a minimal cost for workbooks, and will be facilitated by Tom Johnston, (Contact him at [tejiv@usa.net](mailto:tejiv@usa.net) or (510) 685-3572). Priority goes to Pinole Middle parents, but others are welcome based upon space available. The class will take place on March 1, 8, 15, 29, and April 5, and 12. All sessions start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at Pinole Middle School, 1575 Mann Dr., Pinole, CA 94564, Room 30. For further information about the program please visit [WWW.thetotaltransformation.com](http://WWW.thetotaltransformation.com).

**at the next ERNC meeting**

**Safeway spokesperson discusses neighborhood issues**

*Mrs. Davis will be at our next meeting to talk to us about crime in the area, and improvements to San Pablo Ave.*



**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**  
Serra Adult School  
6028 Ralston Avenue

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