

# Views

**East Richmond Neighborhood Council**

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## quick-takes

### Richmond Farmer's Market

Have you visited Richmond's Farmer's Market? This 21-year-old farmers market, which was established to provide the community with otherwise unavailable fresh produce, is not another excuse to display pricey gourmet items. The market, run by the Richmond Certified Farmers Market Association, has one of the lowest barriers to entry for farmers, charging just \$25 for each 12-foot stall space. Many of the vendors are immigrants who bring produce familiar to Richmond's ethnically diverse population. Although it's official schedule is Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., vendors set up shop as early as 6:00 a.m. and the good deals go fast. You'll find it in front of the library on Civic Center Plaza Drive at Macdonald Avenue. For more information, call 510/758-2336.

### From Market to Kitchen

Alice Waters, stand back. Full kitchens are going to be installed at 17 renovated West Contra Costa school district elementary schools.

The schools were rebuilt with partial kitchens meant to reheat meals cooked at the district's main food preparation facility in Richmond. Parents are unable to cook for spaghetti feeds or boil hot dogs, complained to the school board last year.

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## Volunteer at Kaiser Richmond

Did you have a positive medical center experience and are you willing to share time with others? You may want to consider volunteering at Richmond Medical Center. The Volunteer Services program is looking for exceptionally dynamic individuals to serve as members of the Volunteer Services team. Positions in the Gift Shop, the Pediatric Department, and as Information Desk volunteers are available immediately. Volunteer Services hosts both an adult and student volunteer program.

All adult candidates must successfully complete a background check in order to qualify for the Volunteer Services program. Return completed applications, preferably by mail. Students, ages 15 years and older and high school eligible, are encouraged to join.

Volunteers serve flexible schedules between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., usually in three- to four-hour increments, at least one time per week. Student volunteers are required to serve 156 hours in their first year – in other words, one three- or four-hour shift per week only. On average, students contribute about 200 volunteer hours in their time spent volunteering at the medical center.

For more information or to sign up, contact Peggy Hill, Director of Volunteer Services, at 510/307-3181 or via email at [Peggy.Hill@kp.org](mailto:Peggy.Hill@kp.org).

## HealthWise Handbook On-Line

Topics covered include making wise health decisions; chronic conditions; living a healthy life; women's health; first aid and emergencies; men's health; abdominal problems; sexual health; back and neck problems; fitness and physical activity; bone, muscle and joint problems; nutrition; chest and respiratory problems; mental health problems and mind-body wellness; eye and ear problems; complementary medicine; headaches; your home health center; skin, hair, and nail problems; disasters and public health threats; and infant and child health.

A child's fever in the middle of the night, a jagged gash while gardening – modern life is full of health emergencies. For answers to these and many other urgent questions, Kaiser Permanent in Richmond has posted the popular HealthWise book on-line.

Each chapter of the handbook is available in English and Spanish. A link to the handbook appears at <http://richmond.kaiser.org>. Although it is intended for members, the information is publicly available.

**next meeting**

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Thus, the school board voted recently to approve nearly \$4.2 million out of the district's billion-dollar school construction bond fund to pay for replacing the kitchens. Construction is expected to begin in October.

### Doing What We Can

We have all read about the dire straits in which the Richmond Art Center finds itself. It's nice to report that at the last meeting, the ERNC voted to donate \$500.00 to the art center. The check will be presented at the next meeting. To learn how you can support the art center, visit its web site at <http://www.therichmondartcenter.org> or give a call to 510/620-6772.

### Library Friends to Meet

Tina Olton, local author and world traveler, will share her amazing adventures at the annual meeting of the Friends of Richmond Library on Monday May 22, 2006. Using slides Olton will recount her experiences sailing around the world with her husband on an 8-year odyssey in a 40-foot sailboat. Her book, "Always Another Horizon, A Journey Around the World", chronicles traversing 45,000 miles, visiting 61 countries, crossing three oceans and countless waterways. You won't want to miss this lively and engaging speaker. The meeting will be held in the Whittlesey Community Room, Richmond Public Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza. The program begins at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. For information call 510/644-4296.

## Visit the Red Oak Victory Ship

Launched on November 9, 1944, and commissioned as the USS Red Oak Victory, the Red Oak is the only vessel built by the Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond, California that is being restored. This last remaining Boulder Class Victory saw service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam and has the distinction of being the only ship operated by both military and civilian personnel during her career.

In 1996, by an Act of Congress, title to the SS Red Oak Victory was conveyed to the Richmond Museum Association. One of the primary goals of the museum is to preserve, restore and develop the Red Oak into a viable asset that can be used, enjoyed and appreciated by the citizens of Richmond and the surrounding Bay Area communities.

The Richmond Museum of History has undertaken this unique restoration project because one object, a World War II Victory Ship, has brought together the devotion and commitment of volunteers, the wartime accomplishments of a community, and the vision and ingenuity of one man. The ship is open for visitors on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Visiting hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors are asked for a donation of \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$2 for children under 5. For more information or group tours, call 510/222-9200.

## Teaching Excellence Awards

The West Contra Costa Public Education Fund has announced the recipients of its 2006 Teaching Excellence Awards, which are given annually to six WCCUSD teachers. The winners are Ramtin Aidi (Pinole Middle School), Akila Binhajji (Grant Elementary School), Bryan Brandow (Chavez Elementary School), Lisa Madigan (Helms Middle School), Karley Nuzman (Castro Elementary School), and Douglas Wheeler (Bayview Elementary School).

The Education Fund has also awarded the 2006 Distinguished Citizen Awards to Charley Cowens, Becky Johnston, and Johnny Walker. The inaugural Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award will be given to Carol Maloney.

All awards will be presented at the 18th Annual Education Fund Teaching Excellence Awards Banquet, Saturday, May 6, 2006, at the Richmond Convention Center.

For more information please contact the Education Fund at 510/233-1464 or [edfundwest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edfundwest@sbcglobal.net), or go to the Education Fund website at [www.edfundwest.org](http://www.edfundwest.org).

## Time for the Stroll

The Point Richmond Stroll will be held Thursday, May 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.(ish). This chance to meet and mingle will feature children's entertainment, lots of drawing prizes, refreshments, and a chance to purchase newly designed commemorative T-shirts with Point Richmond's Wig-Wags.

For more info, contact Marsha Tomassi at 510/215-6133, Paula Asmus at 510/35-5228, or Margaret Morkowski at 510/234-4219. And enjoy.

## 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

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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 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 [levinack@hotmail.com](mailto:levinack@hotmail.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.

If you would like to receive the Newsletter please send your name & address to P.O.Box 5253, Richmond, CA 94805. A donation of \$15.00 is appreciated.

## Calls for service to the Richmond Police

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

**Suspicious person 17**  
**Suspicious vehicle 12**  
**Abandoned auto 20**  
**Vehicle tampering 1**  
**Disturbance 23**  
**911 Disconnect 12**

### Stolen vehicle

3/06 7XX Lassen  
 3/11 7XX McLaughlin  
 3/11 123XX San Pablo  
 3/21 52XX Garvin  
 3/21 55XX Garvin  
 3/22 4XX Carlston  
 3/23 9XX Humboldt  
 3/30 125XX San Pablo

### Recovered stolen vehicle

3/11 Yuba / McBryde  
 3/23 6XX Ventura

### Hit/run property damage

3/15 48XX McDonald  
 3/28 49XX McDonald  
 3/29 San Pablo / Swans Way

### Calls related to dogs

3/01 Key / McDonald

### Robbery

3/08 50XX McBryde  
 3/16 9XX Sonoma  
 3/24 123XX San Pablo

### Hold up alarm

3/02 121XX San Pablo  
 3/20 7XX Lassen

### Calls related to juveniles

3/10 7XX Amador  
 3/16 52XX Solano

### Shots fired

3/03 10XX Ventura

### Battery

3/03 129XX San Pablo  
 3/08 52XX Garvin  
 3/22 McDonald / Key  
 3/24 7XX Ventura  
 3/26 48XX McBryde  
 3/26 7XX Ventura

### Burglary from auto

3/03 54XX Solano  
 3/11 9XX McLaughlin  
 3/12 9XX Lassen  
 3/13 49XX Macdonald  
 3/16 5XX Key  
 3/21 52XX Clinton  
 3/22 53XX Zara  
 3/23 Key / Macdonald  
 3/26 6XX Kern  
 3/27 Kern / Solano  
 3/27 7XX Amador

### Burglary from residence

3/08 7XX Sonoma  
 3/27 8XX Sonoma

### Burglary from commercial

3/07 123XX San Pablo  
 3/30 126XX San Pablo

### Petty theft/stolen property

3/01 53XX Esmond  
 3/02 123XX San Pablo  
 3/09 7XX Humboldt  
 3/23 125XX San Pablo  
 3/29 7XX Humboldt  
 3/30 9XX Sonoma

### Vandalism

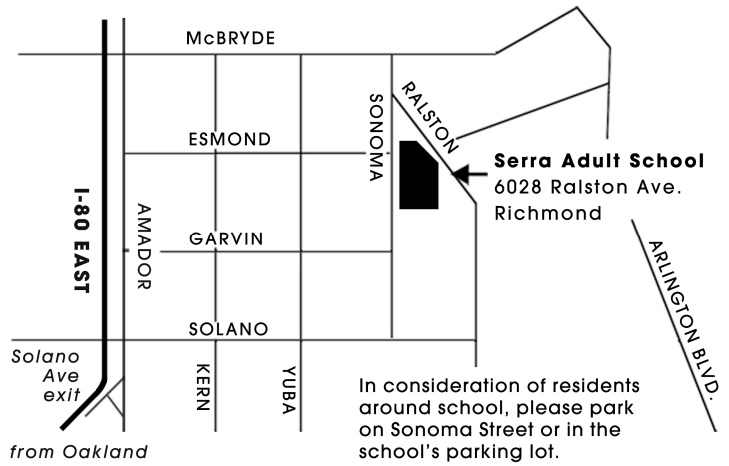
3/10 57XX Solano  
 3/11 5XX Dimm  
 3/15 127XX San Pablo  
 3/16 7XX Lassen  
 3/17 Kern / Solano  
 3/26 10XX McLaughlin  
 3/30 9XX Sonoma

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3/26 13XX Amador

# Activities for Families

Speakers from the Parks & Recreations Office and the Richmond Arts Center are scheduled to inform the residents of our community about things to do this spring and summer.



**Monday, May 1, 7 PM**

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