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Richmond Heights Neighborhood Council

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Pinole Youth Presents

School of Performing Arts in Pinole will be performing "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown".

Directed by Dave Clark, Musical Director, Cesar Cancino, Choreographer, Anjee Norgaard. Based on the comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz. The book, music, & lyrics by Clark M. Gesner.

Play dates are May 3, 8, 9 & 10 at 8:00 P.M. and May 4, & 11 at 2:00 P.M. General admission is \$17 and for seniors or students it is only \$15.

For more info call 510/724-9488.

Tip of the Month

From Al & Karla Perez

The world is a better and safer place when we care for others and they care for us. Doing so strengthens the community and also the country, and remains one of the best approaches to crime prevention. When youth become involved in community service projects, they take a stand against crime and violence and become part of the solution to improving their schools and communities. From cleaning up a run down playground to removing graffiti from the walls of a school, from teaching younger children to stay safe, to raising money to provide bulletproof vests for police dogs, children and youth can make a difference and, in the process, gain self confidence and learn new skills.

Community honors the "Green Team"

From the WCCUSD e-Weekly March 28, 2008

At a Richmond High School assembly on March 19, students from Richmond and Kennedy high schools were recognized by their peers and local community for producing an award winning public service announcement (PSA) on what local communities can do to counteract global warming. Marvin Salazar and Jaimee Dickerson of Richmond High School, and Esther Taufa and Rayshana Brown of Kennedy High School, with help from the Richmond Youth Media Project produced the winning PSA. The contest was sponsored by the Air Resources Board of the California Environmental Protection Agency. Richmond Mayor Gayle McLaughlin also presented the students with a resolution commending them for their achievement.

Marvin was additionally named California Climate Champion by the Air Resources Board. He was one of 20 students in the state to reach the competitive interview stage, and emerged as one of three students selected as California Climate Champion. In this role he will represent the United States during all expenses paid trips to London in March and to Kobe, Japan in May.

WCC District Spelling Bee

Students from Middle Schools across the district traveled to Crespi Middle School to participate in the district's annual spelling bee on March 20, 2008.

Students representing their schools included:

Adams—Sheila Bouzon, Sarah Dounaglara, Hanna Goldman, William Russell, and Genevieve Simmons

DeJean—Luis Chavez, Stanley Dishmon, Randi Johnson, Ariel Norwood, and Jessica Vilaysouk

Hercules—Arianna Bell, Gurinder Rai, Chandrika Sharma, Janee Gail Trinidad, and Kelly Xi

Pinole—Saadi Bhatti, Ariadne Cachero, Brandon Larson, Vashti Salas, and Jannette Sandoval

Crespi—Christy Cortez, Johnson Huynh, Reginald Johnson, Darico Rose, and Saira Shakeel

Portola—Cooper Frye, Joshua Ko, Haley Slamon, Anthony Souksamphanh, and Kristy Tran

Stewart—Alexa Belan, Julia Chang, and Frank Luna

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National Night Out

The City is working on updating the process for reserving a park or shutting down streets for a block party. These changes will affect National Night Out plans and Gina is learning what we will need to do to have a party at Tiller Park.

Curfew for Richmond Youth

Some in the Community have started talking about having a curfew for people 17 and younger with an exception list to include work, after school activities, religious activities, just to name a few reasons to be out.

What do you think about a curfew for Richmond?

Please call the City Council and give them your input at 620-6512.

Police ask Parents

In Oakland they are considering having the police ask parents if they can search the home for weapons that their children might be hiding.

This program is similar to an effort from St. Louis, Boston, and Washington D.C.

Once the program starts some parents actually call the police and invite the officers in to search for weapons.

Neighborhood Watch

If you talk to your neighbors at all, then talk to them about looking out for each other. That is the basis for Neighborhood Watch. If you see someone or a vehicle that looks out of place then call the police and let them ask the people if everything is okay in your neighborhood.

Start a Neighborhood Watch Program on your block. Please call Michelle Milam at 510/620-6538.

Crime Stats January 1 – April 4

From Chief Magnus:

Antioch Police Department had a 14% Part I crime reduction for the year to date compared to the same period last year. Kudos to Antioch, but note the following crime stats for the same period in Richmond: (January 1 – April 4)

VIOLENT CRIMES	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% change
HOMICIDE	11	6	83.33%
RAPE	5	11	-54.55%
ROBBERY	120	161	-25.47%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	112	123	-8.94%
TOTAL VIOLENT	248	301	-17.61%
PROPERTY CRIMES			
BURGLARY	338	448	-24.55%
AUTO THEFT	547	703	-22.19%
ARSON	10	14	-28.57%
TOTAL PROPERTY	895	1165	-23.18%
TOTAL PART I (VIOLENT+PROPERTY)	1143	1466	-22.03%

These are impressive reductions in almost all categories thanks to the great work of our personnel with help from the community. Obviously, the homicide rate is a continuing challenge for all of us, but we continue to work on ways to focus on the most dangerous and violent individuals who are involved in these shootings. As our efforts with GSET, the DOJ Gun Task Force, and our new West Co. Gang Task Force continue, I believe we will make progress in this area as well.

Monday, April 7, 2008, 5:00 p.m., Ohio Ave. and So. 16th--Officer Reina conducted a traffic stop and smelled a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the interior of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded nearly an ounce of marijuana and a loaded Kimber .45 pistol behind the driver's seat. The pistol was reported stolen out of Las Vegas. The 23 year old driver, admitted to possession of both items and to being a marijuana dealer.

Saturday, April 5, 1:20 a.m.--504 Sanford Avenue and 404 Maine Avenue Officers were dispatched to the report of a carjacking at 504 Sanford Avenue. At 3:35 a.m., Officer Cantrell and his recruit Officer Nelson, heard approximately 10 shots fired. Immediately after hearing the gunshots they saw the carjacked vehicle. Officer Cantrell pursued. The driver, a seventeen year old then fled on foot and discarded a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol (which was recovered) and was apprehended by Officer Vallergera.

contacts



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
Michelle Milam 620-6538

Neighborhood Council issues

Gina Swirsding *82-232-1675

Report blight and graffiti

Richmond 231-3010
Graffiti 715-6422
CalTrans 925/926-6112

Report abatement issues

Auto on Private land 621-1278
Auto on Public land 620-6644
Sgt Monahan 621-1279
Pot Hole Repair 231-3011

As always we are looking for community events for the newsletter. If you know of an event coming up, let us know at least the first week of the month before. Just e-mail 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. This is your newsletter.

Brandishing a weapon

3/08 Barrett / Key

Shooting at occupied vehicle

3/17 6XX Amador

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 31
Suspicious vehicle 15
Abandoned auto 14
Recovered stolen vehicle 5
Vehicle tampering none
Disturbance 29
911 Disconnect 9
Dogs none
Dumping none

Stolen vehicle 10
3/08 52XX Esmond
3/10 53XX Zara
3/12 51XX Barrett
3/14 52XX Esmond
3/14 7XX McLaughlin
3/19 7XX Courtland
3/20 6XX Sonoma
3/22 122XX San Pablo
3/24 52XX McBryde
3/28 49XX Macdonald

Hit/Run property damage

3/04 122XX San Pablo
3/06 7XX Ventura
3/14 48XX McBryde
3/22 122XX San Pablo
3/27 7XX McLaughlin

Burglary from residence

3/02 57XX Solano
3/07 7XX Humboldt
3/16 11XX Amador
3/16 124XX San Pablo
3/31 51XX Macdonald

Burglary from auto

3/11 51XX Solano
3/13 9XX McLaughlin
3/13 8XX Lassen

Burglary from business

3/17 49XX Macdonald

Hold up alarm

3/15 48XX Macdonald
3/16 48XX Macdonald
3/27 129XX San Pablo
3/29 48XX Macdonald

Robbery

3/12 49XX Macdonald
3/15 4XX Dimm
3/29 53XX McBryde

Petty theft/stolen property

3/03 Kern / Sierra
3/05 7XX Yuba
3/16 7XX Lassen
3/24 55XX Sierra
3/31 6XX Humboldt

Grand theft

3/19 7XX Yuba

Battery

3/02 6XX Amador
3/02 55XX Solano
3/07 6XX McLaughlin
3/07 10XX Ventura
3/25 49XX Macdonald
3/27 Garvin / McLaughlin

Calls related to juveniles

3/16 50XX Barrett
3/21 54XX Sierra
3/23 Macdonald / San Pablo
3/27 7XX Kern
3/28 Barrett / Key

Drug activity

3/03 Solano / Humboldt

Vandalism

3/01 49XX Macdonald
3/11 8XX Yuba
3/13 8XX McLaughlin
3/22 McBryde / Amador
3/27 122XX San Pablo
3/28 128XX San Pablo
3/29 122XX San Pablo

Shots fired

3/13 54XX Solano
3/24 52XX Solano

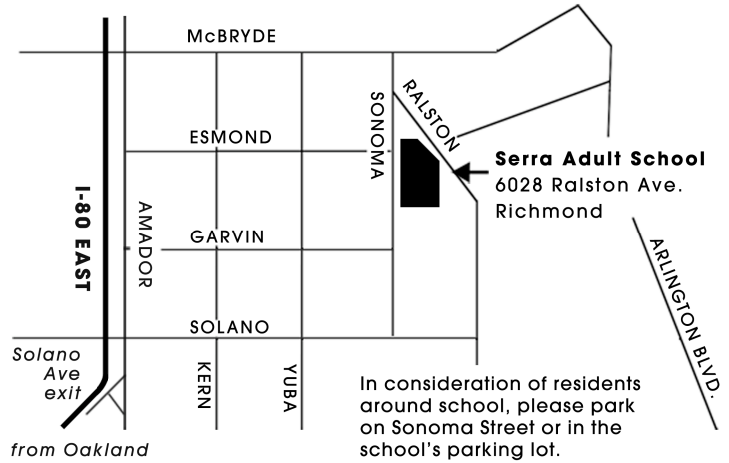
at the next RHNC meeting

Topic of next meeting

Michelle Milam will be our guest speaker, talking about Neighborhood Watch, and Crime Prevention. Michelle will also be giving away the "Club" to the first 25 residents that arrive with a valid drivers license with their Richmond address on it.

If you are thinking about starting a Neighborhood Watch Group on your block, then please come and learn more about safety in numbers. Stand together to watch out for each other.

From last month we will continue to discuss the Shore Line and the General Plan Update and talk about a possible resolution to the City Council concerning the Richmond Shore Line as parks or development.



Monday, May 5th, 7 PM
Serra Adult School
6028 Ralston Avenue

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