

Views

Richmond Heights Neighborhood Council

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quick-takes

A New Co-op in Emeryville

For those who haven't already heard, a new cooperative grocery, the Cog, is opening in November at 1450 67th Street.

The CoG has about 400 members with folks from Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, Marin and San Francisco as members.

They are a members-only, family friendly (childcare provided) working co-op (2 1/2 hours a month, per member) with high standards for the types of products we carry. This guarantees good food, low prices and a great community.

If you are interested in joining or learning more, please check out the latest newsletter:

<http://thecog.org/coglogs/coglog7/>. Information about the party is linked in the top right corner of the newsletter.

Meeting Concerning Richmond Graffiti Abatement

On October 3, 2007 members of the Beautification Committee, led by Councilmember Thurmond, and the Crime Prevention Committee, together with interested members of City staff and the community, had a second meeting to discuss the presentation by individuals who designed and implemented programs that helped to virtually eradicate graffiti in the City of San Jose. We will keep you informed as this project moves forward.

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Portola Middle School Relocating

Currently there seems to be about seven options to replacing Portola. These options in alphabetical order are: 1) Adams, 2) Castro, 3) El Cerrito High, 4) Fairmont, 5) Harding, 6) Mira Vista, 7) Stege Elementary.

At the meeting that I and others attended there are 18 committee members that volunteered to give input to the School Board, and for the School Board to make the final decision. All options to demolish and rebuild are estimated at \$650.00 per square foot and a few Renovating estimates are \$300.00 to \$450.00 per square foot. The totals run from \$34 million to \$70 million. Fairmont \$70, Stege or Adams \$65 each, Castro \$59.1, El Cerrito HS \$52, Harding \$34, and Mira Vista \$33.7. If the estimates are accurate this time.

Hopefully the decision will be best for the community as a whole, the children who attend the schools affected, to the neighbors who deal with the traffic and the property taxes to pay for the project.

Friends of the Bay Trail in Richmond

This is the first Autumn Report ever issued by TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee.

Boat Ramp Street: Just off the Bay Trail along Cutting Blvd. east of Canal Blvd. This project consists of landscaping, benches and a picnic table for enjoyment by pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as access for hand launching of car-top boats such as kayaks into the Santa Fe Channel. This project is funded by sources obtained by TRAC, including most importantly a \$51,400 grant from the California Dept. of Boating & Waterways.

Meeker Tidal Creek Trail: Bio-Rad has realigned their fence to widen the trail on the north side of Meeker Tidal Creek across from the Bay Trail segment on the Marina Bay side of this creek. This trail currently runs only between the end of South 32nd Street and Regatta Blvd. but is planned to ultimately link the Marina Bay Parkway with the South 51st Street trail head for the Bay Trail.

Ford Assembly Building: Everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the spectacular waterfront of the Ford Assembly Building when the crane way was partially open during the Home Front Festival by the Bay. However, Orton Development, Inc. advises that we will have to wait until late November for the Bay Trail to be opened permanently linking Lucretia Edwards Park with Harbor Way South and Hall Avenue.

Access to Point Molate: The route that people believe would work the best is shown at <http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail/pointsanpablo.htm>. This route connects Tewksbury Avenue near Marine Street through Chevron's undeveloped area adjacent to south side of I-580 known as "office hill" and then along a proposed cantilevered trail section east of the toll plaza to the existing trail under the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge linking with Western Drive.

next meeting

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Recreation

Youth Sports Program Update

The following activities are now occurring in the Youth Programs Section of the Recreation Dept:

A) Flag Football on Saturdays at Nicholl Park from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The participation is 120 youth.

B) Teen Twilight Basketball League (males) every Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Gym. The participation is 60 teens.

C) Teen Twilight Basketball League (females) every Thursday from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Gym. The participation is 80.

D) Little League Meetings: 6:00 PM every 1st and 4th Wednesday of each month at Coronado YMCA. This is in the planning stages, to reintroduce Little League to Richmond. Volunteers are welcome.

For any of the sports events, the public is invited to come and watch!

These programs have been made possible through a collective effort by Mr. Darryl Robinson, who is currently volunteering as a referee and coach, and Jerry Anderson, the Community Services Program Manager.

The Shoes that fit program

The North & East Neighborhood Council helped Wilson Elementary School with the Shoes that Fit Program, dedicated to serving the needs of children.

Forty five Wilson School students were provided with brand new shoes. The children were very thankful and appreciative. Working collaboratively with our community we can make a difference in the lives of children.

Masquers Playhouse Theatre

Starting January 18 – February 23, 2008 is “Angel Street” by Patrick Hamilton. The source of Hitchcock’s classic film “Gaslight.” March 21 – April 26 is “Tartuffe” by Moliere. May 23 – July 5 is “The Full Monty”, the book by Terrence McNally and the Music by David Yazbek. August 22 – September 27 is “The Petrified Forest” by Robert E. Sherwood. November 7 – December 20 is “Do I Hear A Waltz” the book by Arthur Laurents, the music by Richard Rodgers and the lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Regular ticket prices are going up so that if you buy each show individually it is a total of \$94.00, (according to their flier). The season ticket price will remain the same at \$70.00 for a savings of \$24.00.

To buy season tickets or for more information contact the theatre at www.masquers.org or call 232-3888. Located at 105 Park Pl., Point Richmond.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre

For the first time in their history, a play by William Shakespeare, “A Midsummer Night's Dream.” A magical comedy of fairies and confused lovers is one of Shakespeare's most loved and performed works. The show runs from November 9 to December 9. As they did with “A Streetcar Named Desire” last season, they will have two post-show discussions with the cast, crew and director on November 25 and December 2, free to everyone who attends those performances.

Opening in January, reunites the Marx Brothers on the CCCT stage in “The Cocoanuts.” In April, they present “Foxfire”, a moving drama of a widow living out her days on a farm in Appalachia with the ghost of her husband Hector for company. The season closes in June with a musical, “Kiss Me, Kate”, winner of the first Tony Award for Best Musical in 1949. A divorced actor and actress must perform opposite each other in “The Taming of the Shrew.” Two gangsters and a gambling debt add to the chaos and hilarity of this Cole Porter musical.

In addition, the CCC Theatre is always looking for good locations to display our postcards and posters. If you have, or know of, such a place, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Nan Ayers at 524-9132 or nan@ccct.org.

They have a new children's program at the Theatre this year - Musical Juniors. The kids, under the direction of Nina Meehan, rehearse an entire show over ten weeks while learning drama skills including ensemble work, vocal projection, character creation, and choreography. The first session, “Annie Jr.”, filled up quickly, and the classes are a big hit. Public performances will be on December 14 and 15, cost only \$5 per person, and would be a great Christmas treat for the kids. The next round of classes for “Aladdin Jr.” begins on January 7 and registration is already open. You can get all the information at <http://www.ccct.org/classes-musicaljuniors.html>.

Reservations: 524-9132, Email: ccct@ccct.org, Website: www.ccct.org. Located at 951 Pomona Ave. El Cerrito at Moser Lane.

Other Theatres in the area

We are also fortunate to have the Contra Costa Community College Theatre at Mission Bell Dr. and El Portal Dr. in San Pablo and the Pinole Community Players on Pinole Valley Rd. in Pinole. More information in future issues.

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

CalTrans 925/926-6112

Report abatement issues

Auto on Private land 621-1278

Auto on Public land 620-6644

Sgt Monahan 621-1279

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. This is your newsletter.

It Takes One Step to Start

Get involved in neighborhood watch groups and graffiti removal. Help our neighborhood by calling to report suspicious activity.

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.

Suspicious person	25
Suspicious vehicle	13
Abandoned auto	6
Recovered stolen vehicle	4
Vehicle tampering	none
Disturbance	30
911 Disconnect	6
Dogs	none
Dumping	none
Stolen vehicle	6

9/09	8XX Yuba
9/09	3XX Carlston
9/10	6XX Humboldt
9/12	4XX Key
9/13	7XX Humboldt
9/22	51XX Barrett

Hit/Run property damage

9/21	126XX San Pablo
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Burglary from residence

9/16	8XX Amador
9/25	56XX Esmond
9/25	51XX Solano
9/29	129XX San Pablo

Burglary from auto

9/09	49XX Macdonald
9/19	6XX Amador
9/21	6XX Sonoma
9/24	52XX Solano

Burglary from business

9/06	123XX San Pablo
9/13	49XX Macdonald
9/17	49XX Macdonald

Hold up alarm

9/01 122XX San Pablo

9/10 128XX San Pablo

Robbery

9/11 121XX San Pablo

Petty theft/stolen property

9/05 Solano / Kern

9/19 49XX Macdonald

9/26 10XX Lassen

9/27 5XX McLaughlin

Grand theft

9/14 8XX McLaughlin

9/14 9XX McLaughlin

Battery

9/03 127XX San Pablo

9/04 49XX Macdonald

9/07 5XX Key

9/07 54XX Esmond

9/15 50XX Garvin

Assault w/ deadly weapon

9/20 52XX Clinton

9/21 49XX Macdonald

Brandishing a weapon

9/09 49XX Macdonald

9/29 52XX Solano

Shots fired

9/17 7XX Ventura

Calls related to juveniles

9/05 7XX Amador

9/11 7XX McLaughlin

9/16 51XX Solano

9/21 55XX Esmond

9/26 54XX McBryde

Vandalism

9/10 9XX Humboldt

9/11 3XX Wilson

9/12 9XX McLaughlin

9/20 54XX Solano

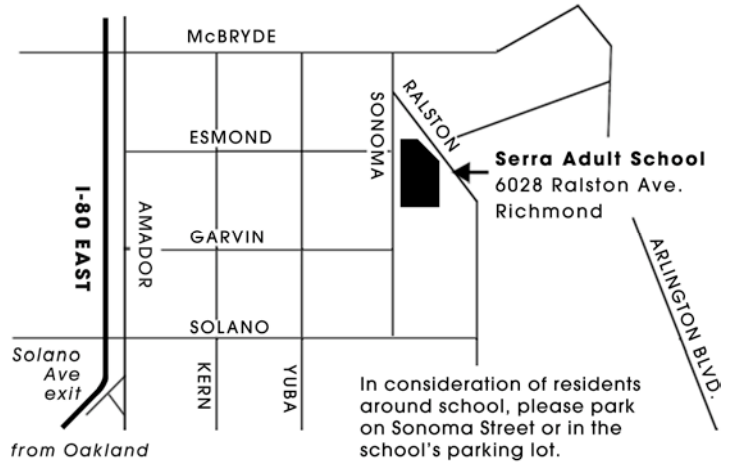
9/21 124XX San Pablo

at the next RHNC meeting

Welcome Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

Mayor Gayle McLaughlin will be our guest speaker talking about the future of Richmond and the issues of today.

Officer Tim Gard will be on hand with current crime stats.



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

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