

Views

Richmond Heights Neighborhood Council

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quick-takes

Crime Prevention

By Michelle Milam

This was a comment in the West County Times.

On behalf of the city of Richmond Crime Prevention Program, we want to thank the Richmond community for a successful National Night Out on August 7, 2007. We exceeded our goal of 1,000 participants city wide.

Thanks to Richmond's Crime Prevention Program, the Richmond Police and Fire Departments, Sims Metal, PG&E, the City Council, and all the media outlets for their support of this event.

A special thanks to all the neighborhoods that held parties this year. They were outstanding! We received incredibly positive feedback from members of the caravan about the hospitality of all the parties. It was great to see new watch groups hosting events.

We thank all of you who kept your porch lights burning in memory of Marie Ries and Ron Wiley. Let's continue to keep the spirit of National Night Out yearlong by turning on those porch lights, getting a neighborhood watch group going and, most important, getting involved in making Richmond a great place to live. Everyday residents can make a difference. See you next year.

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Please report graffiti and tagging

By Nel Benningshof

Dear neighbors,

We can all help our neighborhood look better if we report graffiti, tagging, dumping etc. as soon as it appears. The good news is that I have received very good responses when I reported these kinds of problems. The bad news is that depending on where the blight is located you have to contact one of three places. If you see a blighted area in our neighborhood please do the following:

If the blight is in Richmond, go to the City of Richmond website at <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/> and use the "COR Connect" button on the left hand side on the page. Copying the following link in your browser will get you there as well. <https://clients.comcate.com/newrequest.php?id=18>

On this page you can select "Public Works" and next "Graffiti", to report Graffiti and Tagging, or select "Abatement" and next "Trash/Debris in Street" for dumping. Then you can complete a request to have the item taken care off. As you can see on this page you can use COR Connect to report all kinds of concerns.

If the blight is in the County call the Public Works Dept. at 925/313-7000. Be sure you are able to give the specific location.

If the blight is on I-80 go to the Caltrans website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/> and under the "Contact Us" tab select "Maintenance Service Request". Again copying the following link in your browser will get you there as well. <http://www.dot.ca.gov/maintform.html>. This page is a form where you can enter information about the issue.

I have noticed a real problem with Graffiti on I-80 between McBryde Ave. and San Pablo Ave. Caltrans has been good about removing it, but the Graffiti "Artists" are right back. So the sooner Caltrans is notified, the better.

Thank you very much for your assistance in keeping our neighborhood free of blight.

Nel Benningshof

RHNC Elections in October

As I mentioned in the September issue VOLUNTEERS are needed to keep the RHNC going strong. Receiving the newsletter, or going online and saving a tree is a great start. Showing up at the meetings and being involved in National Night Out or Neighborhood Cleanup Day are ways of keeping things moving forward. Some officers are re-elected for many years, but people show up at the meeting and at least vote for them. Look forward to seeing you in October.

next meeting

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Library Book Sale

Friends of Richmond Library on Wednesday, October 3rd, the Friends will continue their monthly "Grab-A-Bag". This happens on the first Monday of every month. Here's your chance to get great books at bargain prices. Select any 10 books and they are yours for just \$2.00. Library hours on Wednesday: 10am-8pm. Richmond Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza. For info call 235-9056.

Disaster Preparedness

After Hurricane Katrina an article was written about being prepared for any disasters that might hit our area. With winter approaching I thought a reminder helps.

Storing Water and food enough for six days is double the recommended, but after seeing the amount of time it takes to get help three days is just not enough. Find ways to rotate your supplies by incorporating them into your everyday food supply and put the newest food in back.

Stocking up on first aid supplies and checking everything for expiration dates is necessary perhaps finding a way to donate items about to expire a month or two before hand so that a hospital or clinic might put them to good use rather than filling landfills with them after they expire.

Having a portable toilet with plenty of plastic bags to store waste until the sewer system is restored after an earthquake is nothing to joke about (flooding can also interrupt sewer systems).

Clothing, bedding, kitchen supplies all need to be available until help arrives. One family will not have enough supplies for unprepared neighbors.

Identity Theft Victim Guide

From the Richmond Police Department Crime Prevention Resource.

Becoming the victim of identity theft is an emotionally distressing event in anyone's life.

This guide is intended to provide some help by suggesting steps you can take to stop the fraudulent use of your identity and assist the officers of the Richmond Police Department to apprehend those responsible for this crime.

This Identity Theft Victim Guide has been prepared to help you respond to identity theft in the following ways:

- It tells you how to respond to different types of identity fraud.
- It provides telephone numbers to call to report fraud and halt continued use of your id.
- It offers guidelines to help you gather info useful to the officers investigating the crime.
- It provides you with a list of additional resources you may wish to review to fully inform yourself about identity theft.

Gathering Information

The following information will help an investigator when they visit or call:

- How did you first discover the fraud or theft? Who notified you? What was the circumstance?
- Names and account numbers of all accounts you suspect are being fraudulently used.
- Locations where fraudulent applications were presented.
- Locations listed as home address and names used as primary or secondary account holders on those applications.
- Dates, times, names and phone number of any and all company investigators or customer service representatives you have spoken with and a brief statement.
- Any letters, account statements or correspondence received regarding your case.

Additional Tips

- Keep a log of all conversations regarding your case, including dates, names and phone numbers.
- Note time spent and any expenses incurred in your case.
- You may be able to request restitution in a later judgment or conviction against the thief.
- Confirm conversations in writing. Send correspondence by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- Keep copies of all letters and documents bearing on your case.

For all of the information on this subject from the Richmond Police Department Crime Prevention Web Site: Start with the Core Connect, Departments, Public Safety, Crime Prevention, Identity Theft Guide. There are contact information and more.

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

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 owenmartin@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.

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	20
Suspicious vehicle	9
Abandoned auto	7
Recovered stolen vehicle	1
Vehicle tampering	none
Disturbance	19
911 Disconnect	4
Dogs	none
Stolen vehicle	7

8/02	4XX Carlston
8/02	Macdonald / San Pablo
8/03	124XX San Pablo
8/12	8XX Lassen
8/13	9XX Ventura
8/14	7XX Humboldt
8/22	4XX Dimm

Hit/Run property damage

8/06	Barrett / San Pablo
8/10	11XX Amador
8/23	Barrett / Wilson

Burglary from residence

8/20	56XX McBryde
8/30	7XX Kern

Burglary from auto

8/01	52XX Garvin
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Hold up alarm

8/05	123XX San Pablo
8/21	123XX San Pablo
8/31	125XX San Pablo
8/31	125XX San Pablo

Robbery

8/07	Macdonald / San Pablo
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Petty theft/stolen property

8/01	124XX San Pablo
8/06	6XX McLaughlin
8/07	9XX Ventura
8/16	123XX San Pablo
8/17	126XX San Pablo
8/22	9XX Kern
8/28	7XX Yuba
8/29	126XX San Pablo

Battery

8/26	51XX McBryde
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Brandishing a weapon

8/28	22XX Key
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Assault w/ deadly weapon

8/05	Clinton / Key
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Shooting at occupied dwelling

8/16	8XX Sonoma
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Shots fired

8/11	50XX Garvin
8/12	50XX Garvin
8/18	Macdonald / I 80
8/20	Garvin / McLaughlin

Calls related to juveniles

8/02	51XX Garvin
8/22	5XX McLaughlin
8/22	Carlston / Poinsett
8/29	5XX McLaughlin
8/31	5XX McLaughlin

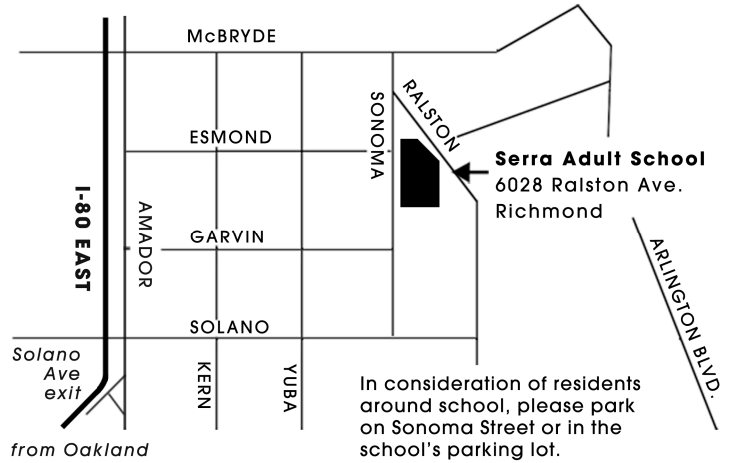
Vandalism

8/10	52XX Garvin
8/17	9XX McLaughlin
8/26	10XX Lassen

at the next RHNC meeting

Topic of next meeting

Our Guest Speaker will be Chief Banks from the Richmond Fire Department. Talking about fire prevention, mutual aide with other areas and more. He will be bringing others from the fire department with him.



Monday, October 1st, 7 PM
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