

North & East Newsletter

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Newsletter of the North & East Neighborhood Council

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Dear Neighbor,

Every year in September, we send out a special issue of the monthly Neighborhood Council newsletter to more than 4,000 residents in the North & East. I love this issue because it gives me a chance to brag about how helpful and essential neighborhood councils like ours are. There are more than 30 neighborhood councils in the City of Richmond and they play a vital role in letting elected officials and city staff know what the community is thinking.

Many of you — especially if you have moved to the North & East in the past five years — know about our unique Good Neighbors program. It is a wonderful example of why neighborhood councils are so important. Ronnie Marty came up with the idea for Good Neighbors. She thought having a program like the old Welcome Wagon to greet newcomers and let them know about services and attractions in the community would be a wonderful way to help the many folks who were moving into the area.

A lot of our programs have started the same way. Our nationally recognized "Have Fun, But Don't Shoot Your Gun" campaign began when North & East residents were upset about the dangerous tradition of shooting guns to celebrate New Year's Eve. We created a program to discourage gunfire on holidays. *Residents for Community Involved Policing* was launched when Peter and Sara Cleveland were appalled at a rash of murders in Richmond a few years ago. Their efforts, combined with those of residents from other neighborhoods, gave birth to a new commitment by the Richmond Police Department to be more available to residents.

Our Shoes That Fit program that supplies new shoes to low-income students at Grant Elementary school began when one resident read about the national program in a magazine. Many N & E residents participate or send money.

The Good Neighbor program has some other really good parts to it. Once a month, volunteers go out in teams to deliver welcome baskets to people who have recently moved here. Some of the volunteers can't attend our monthly meeting, but they spend an hour one Saturday a month helping with the Good Neighbor program. Some of the volunteers on our Planning and Zoning Committee, which reviews projects for expanding or changing homes in the neighborhood, also don't attend the monthly meeting but provide very important ideas on the fourth Monday of every month.

Our annual picnic is this month and another set of volunteers helps with that. We can always count on Ray Takacs to let us use the hose at his house next to Burg Park. Lois Mignone works all year to find small prizes. And many people who attend bring food to share.

Back to the Good Neighbor program; Ronnie fills the welcome

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baskets -- which are donated — with all manner of goodies, also donated. From Bessanderson McNeil's Snazz cookies to pens from Rick's Meat Market, maps from the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and anything else she can get her hands on, the baskets show newcomers what services and products are available nearby. We always welcome donations.

We've always been lucky about donations. When we helped Grant Elementary School replace the drapes in their all purpose room, people from across the Bay Area donated pennies to the students' drive. To make the annual picnic a success, Marvin Gardens Real Estate provides hot dogs and other support. When the City of Richmond eliminated funding for mailing this newsletter, residents and Realtor Darrell Hoh of Marvin Gardens stepped forward and paid for the mailings.

I could go on and on about our programs, volunteers and supporters. We'll keep you posted on our efforts each month if you let us know you want to be on our mailing list. (See the mailing coupon on the back page.) We'd like you to pay dues for that service, but that isn't required. Please join us as we keep working to make the North & East neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

Sandi Genser-Maack
President

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N & E Calendar

- Sat., Sun., Sept. 2 - 3 -- Garage Sale. See p. 3
- Sat., Sept. 9 -- Annual Picnic, Burg Park, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 21 -- N&E Meeting, Senior Center, 7 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 23 -- Recycle Day, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. See p. 3
- Sat., Sept. 23 -- Good Neighbors Delivery Day, 10:30 a.m., 950 32nd St., (510) 235 -5696.
- Mon., Sept. 25 -- Planning & Zoning Committee, 7 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: THURS., SEPT. 21, 7 P.M., AT THE SENIOR CENTER

IMPROVE SAFETY, MAKE MONEY

If you've ever seen a kid dart out between cars, ride without a bike helmet, run across the street without looking or almost get hit by a speeding car, or if you are just worried about how safe it is to walk or bicycle in Richmond, we have a deal for you. We're asking for volunteers to take photos of dangerous things pedestrians and bike riders face in our neighborhood.

It's easy: come to the annual picnic in Burg Park on September 9. We'll give you a disposable camera and instructions. You'll visit one or more of the "hot spots" in our neighborhood where pedestrians are killed or injured. You take some photos of good or bad pedestrian and cyclist behavior you see. You'll drop the camera off or mail it to us by September 30. We'll get the photos developed, and, in early October, you'll join us for a short meeting, some food and a discussion about what you saw. We'll give you a thank-you incentive of \$25 at that meeting. Then, at our October 19th neighborhood council meeting, we'll exhibit all the photos and begin talking about how to make the neighborhood safer for all of us. And it needs to be made safer because in 2002, Richmond ranked #1 among California cities of its size for pedestrians under the age of 15 who were killed or injured.

Call Julie Freestone at (510) 237-9323 for more information. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. Contra Costa Health Services is working with us to conduct the project.

PROJECT HOMELESS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop shop for the homeless, at the Richmond Auditorium on December 7, 2006, to offer a variety of services to homeless people and connect them to critical resources (medical, benefits, alcohol, drug and mental health counseling and treatment, housing).

More information will be coming out over the next few months. But we need volunteers and/or contributions of items for that day. Contact Cynthia Belon, the Homeless Program Director, at (925) 313-6736 for more information or if you can help.

ATTENTION: POLICE BEAT 7

That's us. Under the new RPD structure, the city is divided into three areas, Northern, Central and Southern, and each area into Beats. We are in the Northern Sector, Beat 7.

If you have an emergency -- crime in progress or someone bleeding -- call 911.

If you need an officer soon, call the non-emergency number -- 233-1214.

But if you have a situation that will take some work, maybe you suspect a drug house down the block or a neighbor consistently holds loud parties late at night, you want to talk to a Beat Officer who will work with you on solving the problem. The best thing about this, is that after you talk to one of the officers, he or she will talk to the others on the beat, so that they are all working on the problem.

Below is the list of Officers on Beat 7. Leave them a voice message or send an email. Chief Magnus assures us that they will get back to you in a reasonable amount of time.

Below are the names, days and times of their shifts, and telephone extensions. Each officer's email is first initial, last name @richmondpd.net

(e.g., rgray@richmondpd.net)

The phone number is (510) 621-1212.

Officer Robert Gray

Mon - Thurs, 7 am to 5 pm
ext. 7029

Officer Joe DeOrion

Mon - Thurs, 2:30 pm to 12:30 am
ext. 7068

Officer Ramon Middleton

Mon - Thurs, 9:30 pm to 7:30 am
ext. 7113

Officer Bashir Zeidan

Fri, Sat, Sun, 7 am to 7:30 pm
ext. 7111

Officer Danny Wellhausen

Fri, Sat, Sun, 2:30 pm to 3:00 am
ext. 7066

Officer Pablo Cooper

Fri, Sat, Sun, 7 pm to 7:30 am
ext. 7137

Officer Joe Avila (K-9)

Mon - Thurs, 11:30 am to 9:30 pm
ext. 7115

Sergeant Dominic Medina

Mon - Thurs, 11:30 am to 9:30 pm
ext. 7016

JOIN A FOCUS GROUP ON TRAFFIC SAFETY

Are you tired of cars speeding in your neighborhood? Do you feel unsafe crossing the street? Do you worry about your children's safety when walking? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you can be a part of the solution.

Please join Contra Costa Health Services in Richmond on Thursday, September 14th from 5:30 - 7 p.m., to help create a new pedestrian slogan for the West Contra Costa "Street Smarts" Campaign. Street Smarts is a traffic safety education campaign designed to remind everyone to travel safely as drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. The pedestrian safety message you help create will be further developed by a graphic artist and then displayed on signs, posters, bus shelters, at events and in newspapers as part of the Campaign.

We're looking for participants ages 12 to adult. Please call Shannon Ladner-Beasley at (925) 313-6813 by Tuesday, September 12th to sign up, find out the meeting location, or get more information.

Space is limited, so sign up today! Participants will receive a \$10 gift card! Refreshments will be provided.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

Walking? Walk facing traffic (left side of the street) -- give those cars a lot of chance to see you.

Bicycling? Go with traffic (right side of the street). And don't forget to follow the rules of the road -- stop at red lights and stop signs. You are a moving vehicle.

RECENT HOME SALES IN NORTH & EAST

As of this writing (7/31/06), there have been 13 residential home sales for the period from 7/1/06 through 7/31/06. By comparison, there were 24 sales during this same period last year. Sale prices remain strong as there have been several homes selling for over \$500,000. Inventory has been steadily rising as there are currently 101 homes listed for sale with 19 of these homes in contract (a.k.a. pending sale). The period just after Labor Day weekend will be a good barometer of market conditions as those seeking to sell may put their home up for sale just after the summer vacation season.

Darrell Hoh, Realtor®
Marvin Gardens Real Estate

<u>Address</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Sales Price</u>	<u>Br</u>	<u>Ba</u>	<u>Sq.Ft.</u>	<u>DOM</u>
3400 block of Clinton	\$360,000	\$365,000	2	1	920	5
2700 block of Garvin	\$385,000	\$395,000	2	1	881	10
400 block of 36 th St.	\$389,415	\$415,000	2	1	821	15
900 block of 29 th St.	\$418,000	\$425,000	2	1	781	9
500 block of 28 th St.	\$419,000	\$431,000	2	1	982	23
3000 block of Maricopa	\$420,000	\$430,000	3	2	1354	15
3100 block of Maricopa	\$435,000	\$475,000	2	1	955	17
600 block of 32 nd	\$459,000	\$473,000	3	2	1618	67
3000 block of Howard	\$498,900	\$510,000	3	2	1040	2
3200 block of Barrett	\$499,000	\$526,000	5	2	1821	25
3400 block of Roosevelt	\$519,000	\$519,000	3	1	1119	27
2600 block of Andrade	\$529,000	\$539,000	4	2	1581	14
3600 block of Esmond	\$599,000	\$610,000	4	4	2072	47

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N&E GARAGE SALE WEEKEND

SAT., SEPT 2 -- 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 OR 4:00 P.M.

3600 Garvin at 36th Street

5 families — Super Sale: furniture, books, household, toys and much more. Best deals in town!

2363 Gaynor Avenue*

Tools, household, much more
*Starts at 10:00 a.m.

3415 Esmond Avenue

Children's books, toys, clothing - women's, men's and children's, odds and ends.

426 30th Street

Computer equipment, furniture, general household goods.

621 32nd Street

Some antiques, good clothes large & small, furniture, miscellaneous.

685 32nd Street

Antique rocker, handmade jewelry, household items, good clothes, shoes, books.

941 32nd Street

Collectibles, kitchen items, frames, books.

618 33rd Street*

Household items, small furniture, tools, sporting equipment.
*Also Sunday, Sept. 3.

610 33rd Street

Household items, some electronics, books, small furniture, tchotchkes.

852 34th Street

Books, bikes, furniture, books, clothes, tools, sporting goods, more books.

560 36th Street

Electronics, books, records, kitchen items.

608 43rd Street

Entertainment center, household items, kids' books, clothes, toys, teaching materials, more.

METAL RECYCLING DAY

The North & East Neighborhood Council, the City of Richmond and SimsMetal is sponsoring a metal recycling event in the N & E Neighborhood on Saturday, Sept. 23rd from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until containers are full.

Recycling will take place in the City Parking lot on 25th Street between Barrett and Nevin Avenues.

You must bring a current utility bill and photo I.D. to prove N & E residency. Only residents who live within the geographic boundaries will be allowed to participate.

Please do not bring hazardous waste.

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25th Street between Barrett and Nevin

Volunteers are needed on that day, two for each hour.

Please call Sandi at 237-5670 to volunteer. Leave a message with your name, phone number and which hour(s) you can help.

Proceeds go to the Neighborhood Council, so you will be doing a good deed as well as getting rid of lots of metal objects.

For more information, call 620-6511.

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The North & East Newsletter

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<p>I support my Neighborhood Council! ___ I enclose dues (voluntary) of \$10 for the 06-07 year. ___ I enclose a donation of _____</p> <p>Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____ email _____ ___ I do not want to remain on the mailing list</p>	<p>Mail to: Martha White 3411 Lowell Richmond, CA 94804</p> <p>make checks to: N & E</p>
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North & East Neighborhood Council Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Third Thursday

7:00 p.m.

**Richmond Senior Center
 2525 Macdonald Avenue**

Finally:
 The cities of Richmond and El Cerrito
 have a

Plan for San Pablo Avenue

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