

City of Richmond Annexes 118 Acres Once Known as Fort Bend Country Club



In May 2020 City of Richmond Commissioners annexed the land once occupied by the iconic Fort Bend Country Club. The Fort Bend Country Club concluded doing business in June of 2019 after 69 years in operation. The approximate 118 acres of land is located on FM 762 and borders the Del Webb Sweetgrass community and Veranda master-planned development.

The tract was purchased by Johnson Development Corp., a company committed to respecting the history of this area and known for creating communities that celebrate life. This addition will expand the city boundaries by 118 acres and become part of the existing Veranda master-planned community. City Commission recognizes the annexation as a helpful tool to continue quality residential and commercial development for the growing

population, which meets one of the strategic components in Richmond’s Comprehensive Master Plan. The timing couldn’t be better as Johnson Development reported record sales for the Veranda community. The newly annexed land will be an extension of the residential development offering single family housing, multi-family housing, parks and green space as well as mixed use for commercial development at FM 762.

The Veranda development’s name was inspired by The Veranda Hotel, a Richmond boarding house opened by the “Mother of Texas” Jane Long in downtown Richmond in 1837. The community continues to welcome families and opened a recreation clubhouse in 2019 with full amenities known as The Cottage House.

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Message from the Mayor

Mayor Becky Haas



Hello Richmond! I am amazed with everything I have learned since I took office four months ago about the behind the scenes, day to day happenings as Richmond grows and continues to serve its residents. This newsletter is full of items to keep you informed and bring you up to date on Richmond's happenings.

I would like to highlight several articles for your attention, the Document Shred Event being the first, brought by Keep Richmond Beautiful (KRB). The City realizes the importance of shredding all documents that contain your personal information. Please take advantage of this well organized, free service that is afforded you on Saturday, April 24th. Also recognize the City partners with Republic Services to bring our Spring Clean Up days across three Saturdays in April, the 3rd, 10th, and 17th. See city website, Public Works department for details <https://www.richmondtx.gov/departments/public-works/sanitation>. This is a chance to get rid of large household items at curbside which are not normally collected.

As your Mayor, I want to encourage you to become involved in our Richmond community. Please consider serving on one of the City's boards, committees, or commissions. You will find information in this newsletter on how to volunteer.

April also brings the annual Art Walk and Motor Madness event to downtown Richmond on Saturday, April 10th. Look for more information on Historic Richmond Association's website www.historicrichmond.org or social media pages @artwalkrichmondtx. You can also find this on the City's website calendar.

As a reminder, mark your calendar to attend the Movies at Wessendorff Park which is held the first Friday of most months. Check the calendar listing on page 11 for this Free event offered by the City. This event is a time for families and friends to enjoy a movie and free popcorn together. The experience is completed with food trucks ready to take your order! This is a fun time for all who attend.

Lastly, I would like to make note of our new Economic Development Director, featured in these pages, who is preparing for Economic Development Week May 9th - 14th with events that celebrate different components of economic development in Richmond such as workforce, transportation, supporting our downtown, tourism and Richmond businesses. You can see a lot is happening in Richmond when you get to know your community!

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During the grand opening of The Cottage House, the Fort Bend History Association was invited to participate in a special 'surprise' for the residents. The first 300 settlers (residents) in Veranda were each given an engraved brick that lines the pathway between The Cottage House and the pool house. The Fort Bend Museum Association even set up a special museum display in the Cottage House to educate the residents on the story of the 'Old 300' in Fort Bend County.

This same attention to the history of what was Fort Bend Country Club and potential partnerships which exemplify celebration of life through community is what Richmond can expect to see with development of the old Fort Bend Country Club.



City Government

The City of Richmond operates under the commission- manager form of government, per the city charter. The voters elect the city commission which hires a City Manager to administer the city's day to day affairs. The commission serves as the legislative body and is final authority on all policy decisions which determine the scope and functions of the city government. The City Manager serves as Chief Administrative Officer of the City and is responsible to the City Commission for the execution of the laws and administration of all the affairs of the city.

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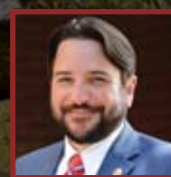
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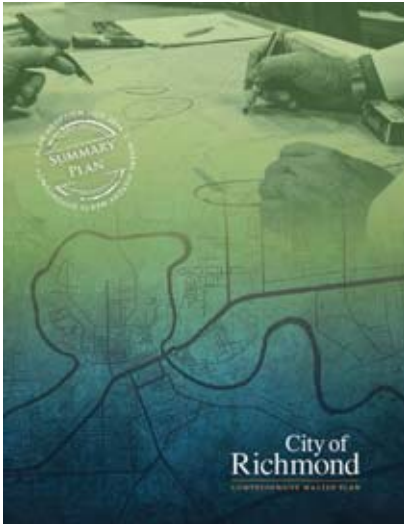
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Comprehensive Master Plan Review and Update



The City of Richmond's Comprehensive Master Plan, adopted on July 21, 2014, was revisited in 2020 for a potential update. Based on the findings of a Comprehensive Master Plan appraisal report, staff was to present recommendations for updates to City Commission in June 2020 and complete the update process in December 2020. As part of the process, staff conducted visioning exercises with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Commission in February 2020 to gather their input and conducted a community survey housed on the city's website and shared with the community. Due to the restrictions imposed by the ongoing pandemic, staff was unable to conduct the necessary listening sessions scheduled in March 2020 and subsequent discussions regarding inputs from the listening session with the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Commission.

The extent of the update to any Comprehensive Master Plan depends on how successful a community has been in implementing the Action steps recommended by the plan; experiences and insights gained from the implementation process over the years; and relevance of the plan goals and recommendations determined through public engagement and changing socio-economic conditions of the Community.

Further public engagement is critical to the master plan update, and without it, renders the master plan update less relevant and effective. At the December 2020 regular City Commission meeting, staff indicated that a review of the socio-economic trends, implementation of the Comprehensive Master Plan, and inputs received from the community survey suggests the continued relevance of the goals and direction provided by the current Comprehensive Master Plan. Staff therefore recommended that prior to finalizing an update to the Comprehensive Master Plan, it would be beneficial to focus on completing a few top action steps prescribed by the plan, making necessary amendments to the Unified Development Code, and research options to conduct public engagement exercises effectively using virtual platforms to ensure successful listening sessions and maximize community engagement. Staff recommended focusing on these activities in 2021 to make the Comprehensive Master Plan update process more meaningful and effective for the community. City Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission also provided valuable feedback and guidance for staff to make progress on the update process. Citizens can find the City's Comprehensive Master Plan on the city's website under Planning Department <https://www.richmondtx.gov/departments/planning-and-zoning/development-codes-and-plans>.

Richmond's Water Maintains Superior Rating

Public water systems in Texas that go above and beyond the minimum requirements can be recognized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for their efforts. The Texas Public Drinking Water (PDW) Recognition Program recognizes the effort, dedication, and contribution public water supplies make to the state and to protecting public health of all citizens. This program is extended to all water systems in the state for outstanding performance for the preceding year with added purpose to focus public attention on the importance of water facilities.

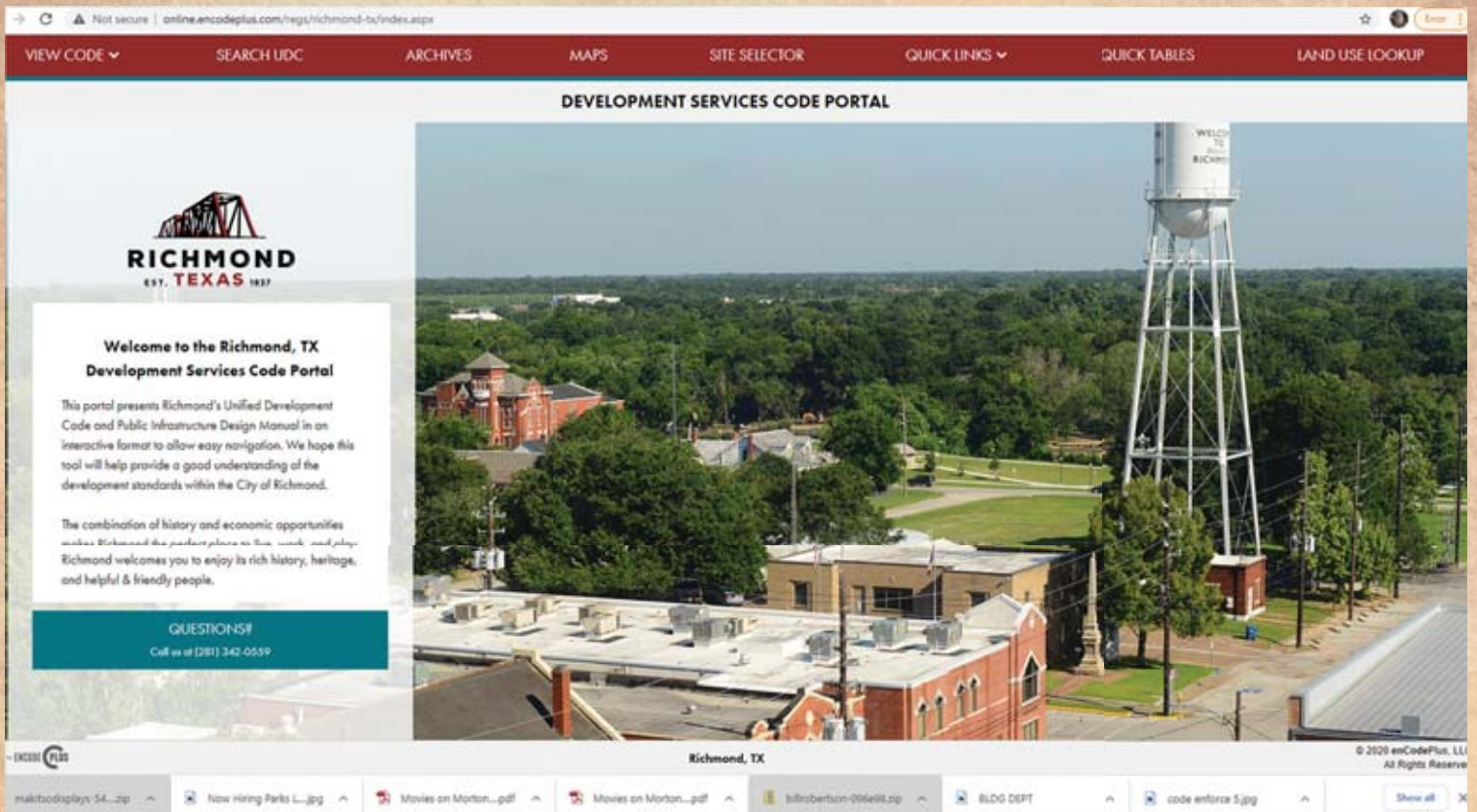
The City of Richmond was awarded the Outstanding Public Drinking Water System Award in 2020 for the tenth year recognizing overall excellence in all aspects of operating a public water system. This award recognizes Richmond water's superior rating, as well as verifies the City goes beyond this rating to be awarded Outstanding Public Water Drinking System. Richmond area residents can trust the water they receive is clean, healthy and high-quality water.

The City has also won the Outstanding Cross-Connection Program Award for the eleventh year which is given to cities that have gone beyond minimum requirements to protect their water distribution system from contamination as well as having met certain stringent criteria in doing so.



Public Works Director Howard Christian, Utilities Field Operations Superintendents Mike Moody and Cliff Holik, and Water Quality and Code Compliance Supervisor Scott Fajkus

City Launched Upgraded UDC Portal on City Website



Richmond's Unified Development Code (UDC) which includes zoning regulations and development standards was adopted in 2015. The UDC, being a living document, is continually reviewed and amended to ensure the development standards within the City of Richmond reflect the Comprehensive Master Plan goals and current development trends. In Spring 2020 staff began working with an outside consultant to upgrade the online UDC Portal which includes an easy-to-use interface with various tools to navigate through the City of Richmond's development standards and zoning related GIS maps. The UDC portal allows citizens, businesses, and developers to access zoning regulations and standards pertaining to specific properties within the City of Richmond. The City strives to be proactive in keeping with modern day specifications and this upgrade is a big step in that direction. The UDC Portal can be found on the City's website at: <http://online.encodeplus.com/regs/richmond-tx/index.aspx>

The City encourages citizens to explore this interactive portal to begin using this GIS tool. Once at the site you will find 7 tabs to explore:

View Code - View the entire Unified Development Ordinance and Public Infrastructure Design Manual here.

Search UDC - A one-word search tool (or multiple keyword) to easily locate specific information within the UDC

Archives - Tool to search archives for all ordinances amending the UDC

Maps - A GIS Interactive map featuring City limits and ETJ boundaries, Zoning districts, Future Land Use Plan and Historic District boundaries as options for viewing.

Site Selector - An economic development tool to view all commercial property listings in Richmond's city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Quick Links - Links to other important information and documents related to development and conducting business in Richmond TX.

Quick Tables - Quick access to various UDC requirement tables pertaining to landuse allowance, development standards, parking requirements, landscaping, signage, and permit requirements.

Land Use Lookup - Quick search tool to identify properties within Richmond that allow a specific type of residential and non-residential (business) use.

Update to FM 762/ 10th Street Roadway Project



The City of Richmond signed an Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County pertaining to the Mobility Bond Project for road improvements to FM 762/10th Street extension from US90A to Clay Street, known as Phase I of this long-range, multi-year project. The preliminary design is for an at-grade crossing of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), including right-of-way acquisition, drainage improvements and utility relocations. This agreement will include construction of a concrete roadway with curbs, gutters, sidewalks and expanding the road right-of-way to give a boulevard look to meet the long term mobility needs for the Richmond area.

The Interlocal agreement includes a Memorandum of Understanding that describes the future commitment of both the County and the City for Phase 2 of the FM 762 Extension/10th Street Project which is the extension from Clay Street, a bridge across the Brazos River, and north along McCrary Road to FM 359.



Richmond Residents Respond to 2020 Fall Document Shred Event

The City of Richmond and KRB (Keep Richmond Beautiful, a volunteer committee of the City's Parks Board) brought the annual free Document Shred Event for City residents on Saturday, October 24th, 2020. Originally scheduled in April 2020, it was necessary to postpone it due to Covid-19 until October 24th and citizens were ready. The Saturday, October 24th event almost filled two trucks with 25,300 lbs. of paper!

KRB and the City of Richmond have already secured the 2021 dates for a Spring and Fall Shred Event, so **put it on your calendar - April 24th and October 16th, 2021.**

SAVE THE DATE!

City of Richmond and Republic Services Spring Clean Up Campaign Set for April 3rd, April 10th and April 17th

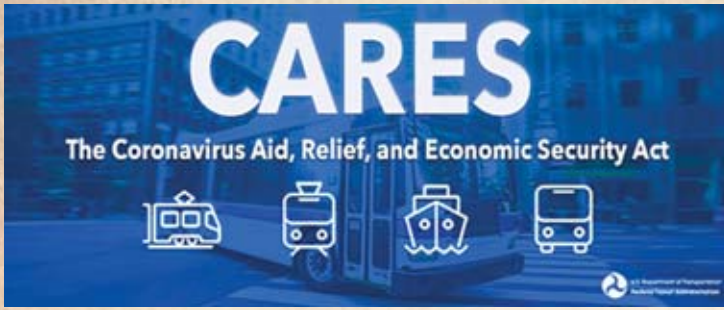
Richmond's Quiet Zone and Wayside Horns Projects Completed in 2021



The City of Richmond Commission approved a construction contract with RioTech, Inc. at the January commission meeting for the installation of wayside horn equipment at six of the seven crossings through downtown Richmond. The City of Richmond has been working to establish quiet zones for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) and Union Pacific (UP) rail lines through Richmond for the last four years to reduce noise impact in Richmond communities. This quiet zone project is part of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan. Wayside horns reduce the sound of traditional train-mounted horns in communities near the tracks. Wayside horns are stationary horns installed at railroad crossings and blow focused sound aimed toward oncoming traffic at that crossing. The horn installation includes a flashing light visible along the tracks to the train engineer signaling a wayside horn functioning at a crossing and not to blow the traditional train-mounted horn.

The BNSF quiet zone involved median improvements and signage which has been completed and notice of establishment has been sent to BNSF this month. Preparations have been made for the UP rail line at all seven crossings in Richmond - Collins, Douglas, 10th, 8th, 6th, 4th and 2nd streets and are now ready for installation of the wayside horns at selected locations. UP is working to upgrade their equipment and circuitry to accommodate the new wayside horns. Construction should be complete in approximately 6 months.

Richmond's CARES Act Funds



Fort Bend County was awarded \$134,262,393 in CARES Act funding to be dispersed to various cities and educational institutions in the county. Richmond City Manager, Terri Vela was the liaison to the City of Richmond working to secure the City's share of funds from the County, which was \$661,815, equating to \$55 per capita based on the 2019 census. Reimbursement requests are submitted to the County for all funds spent. Richmond's CARES Act funding was allocated initially to ensure the safety of staff, residents, and customers. By creating a safe environment for staff and engaging technology as a solution to facilitate safe service delivery, the City has been able to maintain its continuity of operations while delivering high quality services to its residents and customers in the middle of a global pandemic.

The \$661,815 in funding was applied across various expenditure types such as disinfection of facilities and equipment, purchase essential personal protective

equipment, and set up the technology to facilitate remote service delivery. The City was also able to establish public safety projects such as building access and controls, enhancements to the Commission chamber to host safe in person meetings, Queueing software and cameras that will facilitate safe and orderly in person transactions, and upgrade the City's Emergency Operations Center to better serve citizens. Cybersecurity processes were prioritized as well to make sure the City isn't vulnerable to cyber threats and is a safe environment for all individuals who access City services. This funding also supported a citizen mass notification system and a communications-aided dispatch system to efficiently communicate and respond to Richmond citizens.

It is also important to highlight that Fort Bend County initiated a Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program with input from all area Chambers of Commerce in May 2020. A total of 2180 grants have been awarded for \$30,714,333 with 381 grants totaling \$5,088,000 going to Richmond businesses (businesses with a Richmond address, not exclusive to the City).

Fort Bend County also approved \$19.5 million in funding from the federal CARES Act to support residents, which helps eligible citizens pay their rent, mortgage, and utilities from June 2020 through November 2020. The County allocated an additional \$2 million to this Utility Assistance Grant program and implemented it in three phases of \$6,500,000 each phase.

Richmond's Water/Wastewater Master Plan Update

City of Richmond Commission adopted an integrated Utility Master Plan in 2019 preparing for future growth in the city and ETJ. The review for this Water and Wastewater plan was presented to City Commission. The Plan projects future growth to be significant in the City and in the ETJ. Public Works Director Howard Christian shared, "We want to make sure we are following the Water/ Wastewater Master Plan so as not to fall behind or start projects prematurely".

An additional consideration is the Fort Bend Subsidence District (FBSD) mandate for 2025 will require the City to increase the (non-groundwater) alternative water capabilities from 30% to 60%. Current plans include some reclaimed wastewater opportunities; however, Surface Water Plant expansion will be necessary to meet this mandate. The city currently has water rights secured for 2.0 MGD (million gallons per day) expansion along with 2.5 years of credits toward the 60% conversion. The City's current 5-year plan includes the initiation of expansion of the Surface Water Plant.



The master plan also includes a project for a new .75 MGD wastewater treatment plant to be built east of the Brazos river to accommodate future development. This new facility will extend the time needed to increase capacity and rehabilitate the main regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is imperative the City hits the milestones laid out in the utility master plan and allow for staff to be proactive in building necessary infrastructure to be ready to serve citizens.

This year's capital improvement plans allow for TCEQ permitting, easements acquisition and preliminary design of the new plant.

City's Streets Department Prioritizes Sidewalk Repairs

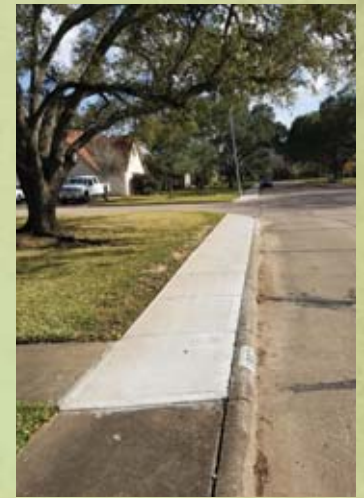
The City of Richmond is completing another year prioritizing city sidewalk repair or replacement since taking over responsibility of public sidewalks in August 2018. Prior to that, responsibility fell to the homeowner or business owner of property where sidewalks were located. The City's Street Department has repaired or replaced more than 2,200 feet of sidewalk utilizing the sidewalk assessment guide which provides a priority rating from 1- 3, with 1 being top priority as a trip hazard. This 2,200 ft. of sidewalk repair does not include 6,700 feet of the Collins Road sidewalk and drainage project funded by a grant. Priority 1 repairs are close to being finished with plans to begin the priority 2 repairs in 2021. The Richmond downtown sidewalks have a few sidewalk locations that rate a 2 and will be on the list for repair in the coming year. Public Works Director Howard Christian added, "The Streets Department team has done an outstanding job considering the department added no personnel and executed this project when weather and time permitted." This sidewalk repair and replacement project pertains to sidewalks within the 4.2 sq. miles of Richmond's city limits.



3rd Street sidewalk ramp leading to parking lot



Tangle Street and Fairway



Shady Lane at Country Club Estates



Repaired sidewalk along Jane Long Elementary School campus on Main Street



Downtown - 3rd Street sidewalk in front of Dapple Grey Co. Boutique to corner of Morton St.

Richmond Police Department Update

Having completed my ninth month as Police Chief here in Richmond, I am honored to have the privilege of leading your Richmond Police Department. The Police Department continues to serve the community safely and professionally during the COVID pandemic. While this has been unprecedented in terms of challenges, we continue with our goal of providing quality police services in an effective and efficient manner. Our department has adapted to changes related to COVID within our community this year like restructuring our traditional National Night Out events into a Public Safety Parade. While this was a safe and available alternative our department looks forward to getting back to community engagement in a more personal way.



Fresh off the achievement of obtaining Re-Recognition status from the Texas Police Chiefs Association as a Best Practices Agency in the State of Texas, the department has begun strategically looking to the future and developing action plans to continuously improve as an organization. These efforts also include assessing our policies and practices with newly focused police reform initiatives. The Department is also well positioned to become a certified police agency meeting the objectives set out in the President of the United States

Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities. The City has leveraged available CARES Act funding to make improvements in our Records Management System and Computer Aided Dispatch system which will allow both police and fire departments to respond to calls for service more effectively. Funding was also secured to upgrade our building security and control capabilities which will benefit both department personnel and the visiting public.

Collins Road Sidewalk and Drainage Project

The Collins Road Sidewalk and Drainage Project finished on schedule in May 2020 and included a new gateway into George Park and custom streetlamps along Collins Road on the approach into George Park. This project was part of Richmond's Comprehensive Master Plan.



George Park new entrance



Street lamps line sidewalks along Collins road into George Park

Richmond Fire Department Shares Your Safety Is Our #1 Priority

The Richmond Fire Department has noticed an increase in the number of fires that can be attributed to clothes dryers. **FACT - The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.**

Doing laundry is part of a household's weekly routine, but did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home?

A few simple safety tips can help prevent a clothes dryer fire:

- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

REMEMBER... Dryers should be properly grounded. Check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by anything. Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc. Clothes that have flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.



Richmond Begins Trial Street Sweeping Program

The City plans on beginning a trial street sweeping program in March to determine its overall effectiveness. The program's primary goal is the collection of fallen leaves and other debris that inhibits the flow into or out of City maintained storm drains.

The sweeping will be limited to City maintained curb and gutter streets (approximately 25 centerline miles) as indicated on the map. Open ditch streets are not recommended for mechanical street sweeping because they don't typically accumulate debris on the streets. Public Works has an ongoing program to periodically inspect, clean and restore grade for open ditches on residential streets.

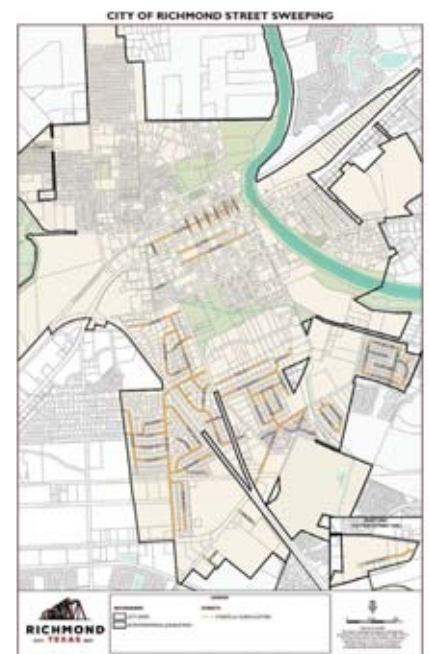
The initial sweeping began on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. The streets will be swept 1x in March, April, October, and November in this trial year.



The City will provide notice to residents in advance not to leave vehicles in the street on a given day that sweeping would occur (usually at the end of the month). Notice of street sweeping days will be issued on the City's website, social media, and eventually on the City's water bill.

For map detail see city website:

<https://www.richmondtx.gov/Home/Components/News/News/7857/17> .



Jerry W. Jones, Jr. Named Director of Economic Development



The City of Richmond and the Development Corporation of Richmond welcomed Jerry W. Jones Jr. as the new Director of Economic Development. The Louisiana native brings over 12 years of experience in Neighborhood Revitalization, Regional Outreach, Downtown District Development, Business

Recruitment, Retention, and Expansion, and Workforce Development. "The City of Richmond is thrilled to have a person with Jerry's knowledge, experience, and vision to guide and support our Development Corporation. As our City continues to grow both residentially and commercially, we look forward to his leadership and innovations," said City of Richmond's City Manager, Terri Vela.

As the Director of Economic Development for the Development Corporation of Richmond, Jones will work with a seven-member board. "I am so honored to have the opportunity to serve the businesses and all the citizens of Richmond," says Jones. "The City of Richmond, as well as the Greater Fort Bend County area, is experiencing rapid growth, which means this is a great opportunity to assist our small businesses with expansion and continued progress."

Jones' past experience includes serving as Director of Economic Development for IMPACT North Baton Rouge, also referred to as Baton Rouge North Economic Development District (BRNEDD) and St. John the Baptist Parish. He was elected as District 3 City Councilman for the City of Alexandria, Louisiana. His work profile includes being Project Manager for Central Louisiana Business Incubator, Economic Developer for Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development Commission, and CEO for Lake Charles North Redevelopment Authority. He served on various boards, both civic and professional as well as commissions and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc and Jno G. Lewis Jr. Lodge No. 261.

After graduating with a degree in Political Science from Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College, Jerry later attended the University of Southern Mississippi and received his True South Basic Certification in Economic Development. He then completed the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma in Norman and the Authentic Leadership program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Jones official first day was November 16th and he may be reached at jjones@richmondtx.gov or (281)342-5456.

Want to Make A Difference in the Community?

The City of Richmond welcomes all residents interested in getting involved in their community since the City relies on the advice and expertise of our resident volunteers. You can make an impact in the Richmond community by volunteering to serve on one of the boards, commissions and committees.

This involvement provides input and insight for the improvement of the City's operations and the Richmond Community. Serving on the City board, committee or commission is voluntary, open to all Richmond residents and without monetary compensation. The reward is the opportunity to make a difference in the future of your community and know you had a hand in it! The City provides any required training. The boards, committees, and commissions of Richmond are:

- Richmond Historical Commission*
- Building & Standards Commission*
- Planning & Zoning Commission*
- Zoning Board of Adjustments*
- Parks and Recreation Board*
- Board of Ethics and Compliance*



Applicants must complete an application and submit to the City Secretary's office to be considered for appointment. If interested, download the application located on the city website at <https://www.richmondtx.gov/departments/city-secretary>. One completed, email to LScarlato@richmondtx.gov or mail City Secretary, 402 Morton St., Richmond, TX. 77469

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Grants awarded to small business owners throughout Richmond

\$47MIL
Awarded through Fort Bend County

\$25K
Potential grant funds for COVID-19 impacted businesses in Fort Bend County

>\$5MIL
Richmond Grants
1st Rnd Grants \$4,633,000
2nd Rnd Grants \$455,000

TERRI VELA
City Manager
"Our businesses are facing tough times. Opportunities like this assist them in staying afloat."

JERRY W. JONES JR.
Economic Development Director
"With Covid-19 numbers continuing to climb, we want to ensure our business community that finding resources for them is our priority."

Richmond Businesses Secure 2nd Highest Level of SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

City of Richmond Movies in Wessendorff Park

Movie List 2021

Mar. 5	National Treasure
Apr. 2	Hop
May 7	Mary Poppins Returns
June 4	Footloose
July 2	Jurassic Park
Aug. 6	Wizard of OZ
Sep. 3	Field of Dreams
Oct. 29	Ghostbusters
Nov. 19	FreeBirds
Dec. 3	Elf



Go Green, Go Paperless!

The City of Richmond is pleased to announce that we are now offering paperless billing for our Utility Customers. If you already have an online account, you can now receive your bill online! This new feature is more convenient for customers, helps protect our natural resources and will allow you to receive your bill instantly. There's no more waiting on the mail to receive your statements and you can also review previous bills online.

Signup is easy:

If you already have online account access, simply select "Signup for e-Billing" on the right-hand menu of your account. Then, choose "Email Electronic Copy", enter your email address and select the Update Button. You will also have the option to select which notifications and reminders you receive by clicking on those links under "Online Services" in the online payment portal.

Note: if you are not already signed up for online access, but you have an email address on file, you received an email notifying you of the service with the option to sign up. Signed up NOW for this service!

Online Services

- Utility Billing Home
- Manage Accounts
- Sign up for e-Billing
- Sign up for reminders
- Email Reminder Settings

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City Establishes Regulations for Donation Boxes



The City of Richmond Commission approved an ordinance to regulate the placement and maintenance of donation boxes within the City limits for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. While charitable efforts for collection of clothing and household items is commendable and beneficial, the decreased accountability on behalf of donation box owners and poorly maintained donation boxes has resulted in an unsightly and littered appearance near donation boxes. This ordinance intends to ensure accountability in proper placement and maintenance of donation boxes, establish a process for registration and permitting of donation boxes on private property within the city limits of Richmond and allow for identification of donation box owners. Additionally, the ordinance protects the aesthetic well-being of the community by providing efficient legal remedies for unpermitted or poorly maintained donation boxes. All donation box owners will now be required to apply for permits for each donation box through the City’s Building and Permit Department.

City of Richmond Trash and Recycling Holiday Schedule

HOLIDAY	DATE	SCHEDULE
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 18, 2021	Regular collection
Good Friday	Friday, April 2, 2021	Regular collection
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2021	Regular collection
Independence Day	Monday, July 5, 2021	Regular collection
Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2021	Regular collection
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021	Regular Collection
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25, 2021	Thursday’s collection will occur on Friday. Friday’s collection for trash and recycling will occur on Saturday.
Christmas Day	Friday, December 24, 2021	Regular Collection
New Year’s Day	Friday, December 31, 2021	Regular Collection



**Schedule has not been set for end of year. Continue to visit the City’s website - Sanitation drop down under Public Works Department at <http://www.richmondtx.gov/departments/public-works/sanitation> .*