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TRIANGLE

Next Month:

Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council Meeting

March 15, 2007
at 7 p.m.

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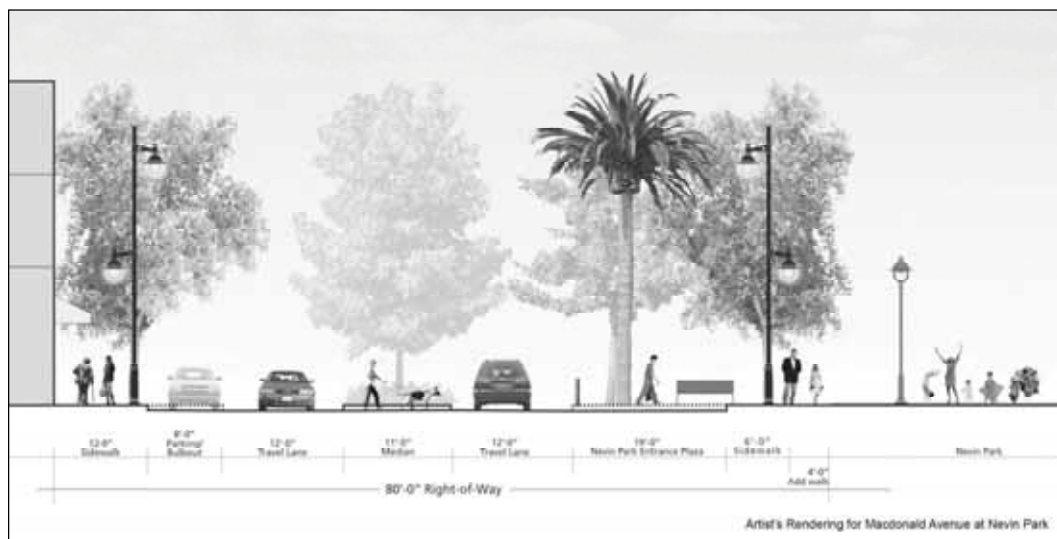
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Nevin Park to Get a 21st Century Facelift

Join Us for a Discussion and Let Us Hear Your Ideas for the Park



We need your input to shape the future of Nevin Park. The City of Richmond Community Development Agency began outreach to the community at the 2006 Iron Triangle Neighborhood Picnic. Recently we met at the monthly neighborhood council meeting.

Improvement ideas heard so far include: a new playground, multi-use fields for informal sports, plazas for community gatherings, art opportunities for neighborhood youth, expanded recreation center activities, places to picnic and barbeque, and a community garden. A consistent theme has been to make the park safe for everyone, especially children. Creating positive identity for the Iron Triangle Neighborhood has also been suggested. What activities would you like to do in the park? How can this park be transformed to become the heart of the community and a source of pride? Help us answer these important questions and envision the future of Nevin Park.

On February 15, the designers from Wallace Roberts & Todd Design will present initial concepts based on the

community's answers to these questions. We expect this to be interactive and a chance for attendees to contribute more ideas. We believe the success of the park can be measured by the dedication of all the participants including neighbors, youth, program directors, council members, city staff, and the design team. We thank you for your support. Please join your neighbors and friends on February 15 at the next Iron Triangle Neighborhood meeting.

For more information, please contact Craig Murray, Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency, 510.307.1262, or John Gibbs, WRT Design, 415.575.4722.

Community Warning System

Community Warning System (CWS)
helps you, your family and your
community learn how to best prepare
for and handle emergencies.

1-888-972-CAER (2237)

Nevin Community Center Calendar After School Programs

West County First 5 Center
February//March Free Classes

Music Together
Thurs, February 15, March 1
10 – 11:00 a.m.
Ages: 1-5

Tigo Bilingual
Tues, February 13,
10 – 11:00 a.m.
Ages: 18 mo. to 4 yrs

Science Fair
Tues, February 27
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Ages: 3-5

Nutrition Class
Weds, February 28,
March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Ages: 0-5

Tot Art with a Twist
Mon and Fri, February 16, 26, March 2
10 – 11:00 a.m.
Ages 2-5

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We're seeking community volunteers who would like to help with web sites, writing, editing, photography and even mailing newsletters.

If you are interested please e-mail us.

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Police Beat: Technology Targets Crime

Last summer, Richmond Police began implementing Compstat. No, it's not a cable TV company, some space-age project, or a new federal agency. It's a program that's been proven successful in improving police services and reducing crime in a number of cities around the country. And now it's here.

Compstat involves the use of computerized statistics, crime mapping, and regular management meetings to identify and better respond to crime patterns, chronic blight locations, quality of life issues, return calls for service, and ongoing traffic problems.

Over the past six months, department supervisors and managers have worked with officers and detectives to do problem-solving at the neighborhood beat level on a wide range of issues and projects, including vehicle thefts, prostitution, abandoned cars, truancy, and closing down a number of drug houses.

Most significantly, the software provides

close to real-time crime data. *This is a big deal.*

In the coming months, police personnel will learn how to use the software to track crime and calls for service data. This program merges calls from the center's computer aided dispatch system with report data from the department's records management system.

It shows where crime is taking place, where officers are responding to return calls for service, and when it's happening. The software not only presents this information in reports and charting trends, it also maps it.

By mid-year, the department hopes to provide residents with a significant amount of data through the Internet. Citizens will be able to go access crime stats online, including maps showing where recent crimes have occurred.

That's access and empowerment to make Richmond a safer and cleaner city!

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Next: The Iron Triangle Neighborhood Rethinks Its Name

The Neighborhood Council is asking everyone to come out and be a part of a dynamic meeting, on **April 19, 2007** at 7:00pm in the Nevin Community Center. On the agenda will be changing the neighborhood name to something that fits the positive things this part of Richmond is known for. ***Should the community shed its hard-core name Iron Triangle?*** The Triangle, Victory Triangle, Historic Downtown Richmond, Centennial, Century City, Centena, Permanente, are some ideas we have brainstormed. We would like to hear your ideas and views.

Meet city officials, neighbors and planners who are bringing change to the neighborhood.

Bring a friend or neighbor. See you there.

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