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Taking School to the Streets and the Sea

Tapping Into Vocational and Life Skills Training for At Risk Youth

The Anchor Program (TAP) is training merchant mariners of tomorrow. A non-profit service organization, TAP provides vocational and life skills training to at-risk youth and young adults. The primary goal of the program is to prepare participants for positions in the maritime industry.

In addition, training and career opportunities will be available in other participating industries (e.g. security, janitorial, and trucking). Upon completion of the program, participants will be equipped with the basic knowledge and skills to begin a professional career and become productive members of their communities.

The fall session for the merchant marine certified training program begins September 4 and ends November 19. Funding for training is available through the Employment Development Department (EDD) One Stop Career Center and California Vocational Rehabilitation Department (if you are a client).

To register for the Employment Development Division workshop training session visit the career center and simply notify your caseworker that you are interested in TAP merchant marine training.

John L. Hastings, a thirty-six year, fourth generation merchant mariner is the founder and executive director of TAP.

Hastings work for several major shipping companies, including the Department of Defense. John is committed to sharing his knowledge and experience to prepare today's youth for a rewarding career and positive future.▲



The merchant marine certified training program combine's classroom instruction and hands-on training consisting of basic seamanship skill, shipboard safety, personal survival, firefighting, basic engineering, and steward department skills.

www.theanchorprogram.com

Grants for Education and Parolees

By John Geluardi, Contra Costa Times

A faith-based organization with strong ties to one of Richmond's most violent neighborhoods will receive a \$200,000 grant to provide two comprehensive antiviolence programs.

The Richmond Improvement Association (TRIA) launched the citywide programs from its multi-purpose center in the city's troubled Iron Triangle neighborhood. One program, Richmond Steelers for Life, will help struggling students get back on the academic track. The other, the Richmond zero homicide campaign, will offer support and guidance to parolees committed to becoming productive community members.

The City Council unanimously approved the one-time funding in hopes that the association will use the grant to leverage more permanent funding, City Manager Bill Lindsay said.

Private donors previously committed an additional \$175,000 that would be available to the association as soon as the city approved its grant.▲

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Our goal is to achieve balance and harmony between the residents and businesses in the Iron Triangle and Downtown. We help build and sustain alliances to maintain property values and promote a thriving community. Our success depends on the active involvement of members, and volunteers, both residents and business owners. Please join us.

The TRIANGLE would like to hear how you feel about issues that affect your community. We extend an open invitation to our readers to submit letters to the editor, articles and commentary to be considered for publication. Bring to light issues that will shape the future of the community where you live and work. Please include name and community and email or send to:

iron-triangle@hotmail.com

NEXT MEETING

June 24, 2007

at 7 pm

www.ci.richmond.ca.us

CELEBRATE: Reflect on Richmond's Cultural Heritage

Juneteenth Parade & Festival - Saturday June 16

Starting at 10 a.m. in Downtown on Macdonald Ave and Harbor Way marches to Nicholl Park. It features entertainment, food, contests, and children's activities for everyone with an Afro-centric flavor. ▲

Nevin Community Center Summer Camp June 18 through August 10

For ages 6-14 years old
Neighborhood residents \$5 per week
Richmond residents \$25 per week
Excursions and cooking class are extra.
Contact Tania Swartz at (510) 620-6813▲

Tiptoe Through the TEPCO Exhibit Richmond Museum of History Through July 22

Pieces from one of the largest-known collections of TEPCO pottery are featured in a new exhibit now open at the Richmond Museum of History through July 22.

The El Cerrito Historical Society helped provide background information for the exhibit.▲

Iron Triangle and Atchison Village Councils Meeting 6:30 - 8pm July 26

Presentation of plans and preliminary designs for the Macdonald Landmarks Project will be presented Atchison Village during their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Landmarks Project will be the main item on the agenda. The Arts and Culture Commission may reschedule their monthly meeting to attend and participate in the dialogue about the project.

Donna Graves, Macdonald Landmarks Project Director
(510) 540-6809▲

Independence Day Celebration - July 3

Fireworks Celebration at Marina Bay Park
Bring a jacket, blanket and enjoy the show! Activities and entertainment begin at 6 p.m. ▲

Port Chicago Memorial 63rd Anniversary - July 21 Port Chicago Highway, Concord, CA

Reflect on the memories of loss, struggle, and lessons evoked by the 1944 WWII home front explosion that killed 320 crew and workers and destroyed the *SS E.A. Bryan* Liberty and *Quinault Victory* cargo ships. A free shuttle runs between 9 and 9:45am to memorial. Service 10 am to 12 pm. To attend this free event RSVP to (925) 838-0249 or poch_interpretation@nps.gov▲

Richmond Home Front Festival - September 29-30 Marina Bay Park, Richmond

Celebrate Richmond's Cultural Heritage at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial located at the beautiful Marina Bay. Enjoy non-stop entertainment. For more information, please contact the Recreation Division at 510-620-6793 or 510-620-6511.

Vendors or performers, contact the Richmond Chamber of Commerce at 510-234-3512.▲

Nystrom Urban Revitalization Effort Intern

Local Initiative Support Corporation seeks a summer intern for the NURVE project in Richmond. Allison Brooks, Program Officer
Livable Communities Program, East Bay Community Foundation,
200 Frank Ogawa Plaza Oakland, CA 94606

(510) 208-0840



This Month: What Makes Great Neighborhoods and Downtowns?

The Project for Public Spaces

Great neighborhoods and districts succeed because of the good smaller places within them, which added together equal more than the sum of the parts. It is these small spots that define a place and reveal the richness and depth of its social life.

The best neighborhoods and downtowns, whether Camden, Maine, or Coyoacan in Mexico City, emerge when communities are guided first and foremost by a vision of what they want to see in public spaces and the things they would like to do there. Great neighborhoods are rarely shaped by big developments, master plans, design standards, street-scape improvements, or a district management agenda.

Nearly every neighborhood has the capacity to evolve into a good place. This happens when local people feel a growing sense of ownership, which extends beyond property lines to include informal partnerships with others living in the area.

Great downtowns fill cities with life. You can tell a city is healthy if it has a vital downtown full of public activity.▲

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