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**WHAT**: 10<sup>th</sup> annual Healthy Village Festival **WHEN**: Saturday, June 29, 10am – 2pm

WHERE: Community Green Space, Harbour Way & Macdonald Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801



# Summer in Downtown Richmond Starts with Healthy Village Festival Featuring Grand Marshal Demnlus Johnson III

Richmond, CA—Richmond Main Street Initiative is proud to announce the return of **Celebrate Downtown**, an annual community event series hosted in Downtown Richmond. First up is **Healthy Village Festival** on Saturday, June 29.

From 10am – 2pm the Community Green Space (located at Harbour Way and Macdonald Avenue) and the 900 block of Macdonald Avenue will turn into a super fun, family-friendly festival, offering health and wellness resources, interactive activities, memorable experiences, and special appearance by Grand Marshal Demnlus Johnson III, Richmond councilmember.

Activities will include produce bag giveaways, artisan vendors, information and resource booths, <u>Happy Lot Farm Pop-Up</u>, and hanging out with Richmond Fire Fighters. Arts and crafts with <u>NIAD Art Center</u> and "Ask a Doc" with Kaiser Permanente physicians (12pm-2pm) are sure to please.

<u>Downtown History Hike</u>, led by local history buff Karen Buchanan, will meet at Richmond Museum of History at 10am and end at the festival just in time to enjoy performances by RPAL music program students, Zumba and Yoga demos, and lunch from <u>Roux</u> – one of Downtown's newest restaurants and the festival's exclusive food vendor serving up a delicious healthy Bay Area Bayou menu. Guests can also use their own pedal power to make delicious bike blender smoothies courtesy of Rich City Rides.

Admission is free. All are welcome. For more information, visit <u>RichmondMainStreet.org</u>, call <u>(510) 236-4049</u>, or email <u>admin@richmondmainstreet.org</u>. Healthy Village Festival is sponsored by Richmond Main Street Initiative, Kaiser Permanente, Mechanics Bank, San Francisco Bay Ferry, LifeLong Medical Care, AC Transit, Republic Services, Richmond Build, and City of Richmond.

## Celebrate Downtown 2019 continues with:

### **18th annual Music on the Main Summer Concerts**

Music, Food & Fun for the Entire Family

Wednesday, July 24: Andre Thierry (Zydeco- Accordion Soul) & Beaufunk featuring Michael Jeffries (Funkiest in the Area)

Wednesday, August 28: Samba Funk (Funky Carnival Explosion) & GTS Band (Latin Funk & Soul)

5pm - 7:30pm

Parking Lot at Marina Way & Macdonald Avenue

## 11th annual Spirit & Soul Festival

Downtown Richmond's Premiere Event Saturday, September 21 1pm – 5pm

Macdonald Avenue from Harbour Way – 13<sup>th</sup> Street

Main Stage: Pride and Joy (Soul Dance), Top Shelf (Classic Soul), and But-tah (Aretha favorites)

12<sup>th</sup> Street Stage: Young performers from Richmond community

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**Richmond Main Street Initiative** is a community based non-profit dedicated to revitalizing historic downtown Richmond. RMSI partners with the City of Richmond, merchants, and residents to develop and improve downtown Richmond as a pedestrian-friendly urban village that offers products, services, arts and entertainment that reflect the community's rich and diverse heritage.

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