

Community Map

Corner of Park Place & West Richmond



Important Phone Numbers

In an emergency, dial 911

My Important Numbers:

Animal Control (510) 374-3966

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (800) 334-6367

Public Works Graffiti Removal (510) 965-4905

Richmond Fire Department 140 W. Richmond Streets are narrow and sometimes one-way. When parked, be sure it's clear a fire truck can get through.

Richmond Police Department (510) 233-1214

Regional Park Dispatch (510) 881-1833 For police matters within Miller-Knox Regional Park

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This is **The Point**

On behalf of Point Richmond, we warmly welcome you as our newest neighbor. Let us be clear - **ALL** are welcome here. We hope the following information helps you settle in and feel like a local.

No Man is an Island, however...

Point Richmond, originally an island, is the historical birthplace of the City of Richmond. In some ways, it remains an island, and has been referred to as Mayberry for its old-time charm. Locals call it *The Point*.

The Railroad, constructed before the City's founding, lends a profound sense of place to the City of Richmond. The tracks and I-580 freeway combine to create "island-type" access and egress. Be prepared. Map out alternate routes using Castro, Garrard or Canal.



Take public transit ...

in any direction. AC Transit connects to Richmond BART which goes to Oakland and San Francisco international airports, and to Amtrak for parts north, south and east. Golden Gate Transit connects to Cerrito Del Norte BART to the east and to Marin, San Francisco, and Sonoma to the west. See 511.org for details.

Act Locally...

in The Point, as it's almost impossible not to. PointRichmond.com lists resources for arts and entertainment, healthy lifestyles, shopping, dining and more. Patronize The Point's retailers and restaurants - many owners and employees live here, or nearby. Several restaurants host a regular schedule filled with local musicians.

If you received a personal Welcome Visit, you will have discussed joining Nextdoor.com. Popular in many regions, this online tool allows communication between neighbors. Your Welcome Visit neighbors will be able to invite you to Nextdoor. In the Point, it's become well used to reunite lost dogs and cats with their people, share information on freeway backups and connect with your neighbors.

Wild turkeys, possums, skunks, raccoons and deer live here. Dogs (and cats) roam free or escape. Watch for small animals, people and blind corners when driving.



Free events or activities ...

take place most weekends. Fill your day with activities: swim indoors or in open water, sail or paddle from a public access ramp or via one of three local boat clubs, hike The Point's hills or those in Miller-Knox, bicycle or walk the Bay Trail, visit WWII survivor SS Red Oak Victory, or view the Golden Gate Model Railroad Museum's layout of the train over the Sierras.

Find the Point Richmond History Associaion (PRHA) building for their Walking Tour brochure. With a strong heart and good legs, continue walking uphill and down slope towards the Bay. Discover one of the pocket parks granting beach access to soothing sand and sparkly seas (however chilly).

Or, take a detour south on West Richmond towards the railroad tracks at Railroad Avenue. Crossing over the tracks, enjoy the unique and much adored Wig-Wag, the old Southern Pacific Reading Room (now Mechanics Bank), and, across the street, the Municipal Natatorium, aka The Plunge, one of the last surviving great swimming pools in California.



Take Garrard through the tunnel, pausing to enjoy the mural painted overhead. Glorious bay views greet you on the other side. Crossing the street, the Bay Trail and Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline are available to you, anchored by historically popular Keller Cove, suitable for wading and swimming, The Ramblers motorcycle club (dirt bikes, not Harleys), and the Golden Gate Model Railroad Museum.

Non-Profits in The Point...

welcome inquiries, donations and volunteer energy. The Point Richmond Neighborhood Council provides residents with a voice in City decisions. Attend a meeting and introduce yourself to your neighbors - you may meet a future mayor or council person.

Arts of Point Richmond East Brother Light Station Golden State Model Railroad Museum Masquers Playhouse Milo Foundation PRAM-Parents. Resource and More* Point Richmond Acoustic PRBA-Point Richmond Business Association Point Richmond Gateway Foundation PRHA-Point Richmond History Association* Point Richmond Jazz Point Richmond Music Festival PRNC-Point Richmond Neighborhood Council* RCVB-Richmond Convention & Visitors Bureau Richmond History Museum - Red Oak Victory Richmond Public Library Foundation Richmond Swims Saffron Strand TRAC-Trails for Richmond Action Committee WWIC-Women's Westside Improvement Club

*Key community organizations. We recommend joining at least one.



VIEW OF MILLER/KNOX PARK AND FERRY POINT BY BRUCE BEYAER

Welcoming Houses of Worship...

and study circles include Buddhist, Catholic, Christian Scientist, and Methodist, with additional groups meeting in private residences.

The Point's houses of worship often host non-church related activities. First United Methodist Church hosts AA meetings, sponsors music events, and its Fellowship Hall is available to outside organizations.

The monthly local emergency siren...

sounds at 11am first Wednesdays. This is a test of the emergency warning system. In the event of a true emergency, this siren sounds repeatedly. This is a signal to Shelter In Place. See your West Contra Costa phone book for details *NOW* so you are prepared.



The City of Richmond was incorporated in 1905.

The Women's Westside Improvement Club (WWIC) was established in 1908 to provide "improvements" to the Point Richmond area, and is one of the longest continually operating women's clubs remaining in California.

This brochure is part of WWIC's 2016-2017 community improvement project, to help new neighbors feel welcome.

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