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**Support TEAM TILTH!**

Let's make sure all Team Tilth Runners cross the finish line on race day.

We are so excited to have 60 brave souls join Team Tilth in the 2016 Oakland Running Festival Team.

We are running to support all of Urban Tilth's programs and our mission to create a more healthy, sustainable and just food system.

After 3 months of training...

*Race DAY is almost here!*

Sunday, March 20th
* Races begin at 7:30am

Come out and cheer us on!

** Some Runners still need your help crossing their fundraising finish line.

If you can, please click below to make a contribution to one or more of our Runners TODAY:

- [Support Rudy aka Pappa Bear's run!](#)
- [Support Mrs Meza’s from the Verde Elementary Partnership Garden!](#)
- [Support Adam of the Richmond High Urban Ag Institute!](#)
News from the Gardens & Farms:

Up to Our Ears in Broccoli
Richmond High Urban Ag Institute

Spring is just around the corner and we are getting as many starts into the ground as possible this past week planting Romanesco broccoli, snowball cauliflower, snow peas, Viroflay spinach, American flag leeks, and Valencia onions!

Inside the classroom students have been learning about winter time fruit tree care, and how to conduct pruning of open center/central leader fruit trees!

Did I mention we have been up to our EARS in broccoli the past two weeks!!??
This is from the winter Walthan broccoli transplants we planted in early December (grown from seed right here at RHS). This broccoli surplus "problem" quickly became the solution today during class where we sliced and diced 10lbs of fresh broccoli into a brown rice stir fry dish with cage free organic eggs!! YUM!

Stay tuned for more updates from the Urban Ag Course at RHS!

For more information contact: Adam Boisvert or go to urbandth.org
Learning the Edible Alphabet with Mrs Meza
Verde Elementary Partnership Garden

The Verde Partnership Garden continues to provide its weekly "Edible Alphabet Class with Mr. Mijango's Kindergarten class. This month students learned to write, draw, and taste edible foods with the letter O, P, Q and R. Adults from the Family Literacy Center also spent a day in the garden tasting a blend of herbal tea from the garden. They were also given a tour and are looking forward to coming back to do a project.

The garden also continues to feed the Verde Community. Admin and staff held a potluck and fresh produce was brought to help make a salad and for them to take home. Greens, chard, cilantro, and mint were also bundled up and given out at the annual Verde Black History Month celebration. The night was capped off with bundles of flowers from the garden that people went home with.

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WHEELIN' THE WATERSHEDS
Basins of Relations explores our creeks on two wheels with Rich City Rides

In February, the Watersheds team performed erosion control work in the Wildcat Creek
watershed, propagated native riparian plant species to be outplanted at our worksites, and spread the knowledge we've acquired over the past year with members of the Richmond community.

The apprentices designed and gave presentations on their favorite topics in environmental stewardship to Richmond High School's Earth Team, which was a particularly cool experience given that many of the apprentices are RHS graduates!

Finally, we hosted a Watershed Bike Tour event in partnership with Rich City Rides, which was lots of fun!

Wanna learn more about the work done by our Watersheds Team?

- We'll be featured on OpenRoad with Doug McConnell this Sunday at 6:30on check it out! (Watch the promo video)

For more information contact: Nathan Bickart or go to urbantilth.org

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RESTORING TILTH
News from the North Richmond Farm

If you drove by the North Richmond Farm this past month you probably saw enormous mountains of soil laying across the land. This month, we began to dig out the middle sections of our soon to be row crops.

Initially, we thought we would only have to scrape a few inches down to remove asphalt and gravel, but as we kept scrapping and digging we learned that our farm was intensively dumped on over the years. We have begun to sift the soil we've excavated through a machine so we can separate the clean soil from the rubble. This will take a few weeks, but in the end we will have a cleaner surface and a lot of rubble that can be used later when our gravel drive way is built out.
Farm Community Build Volunteer Days Have Begun!

This month the North Richmond Farm also hosted its 1st 4th Saturday of the Month Volunteer Day. Wow! What an amazing 1st ever Community Volunteer Day at the new North Richmond Farm. 16 volunteers joined us for this inaugural event. We toured the farm site, discussed our plans and timeline for construction and Community Build Days because we plan on using the farm as an opportunity to for community members to build parts of the farm together.

* Check out our updated North Richmond Farm design!

Then we got to work picking up the remaining 14 cubic yards of trash that had been dumped on site over the last 20 years.

We also created a seating area so there is a place to meet and sit while we move through site prep & construction.

And we staked off the major growing areas so we can begin to work on invasive plant control and soil building.

THANK YOU to Supervisor John Gioia, Robert Rogers, Marilyn Langlois and all 16 volunteers who made it out to this new tradition of growing together in North Richmond at the new North Richmond Farm.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Republic Services (formerly known as Richmond Sanitary) for taking great care of our volunteers by sponsoring all of the volunteer snacks and awesome stainless steel water bottle and insulated lunch bag giveaways!

For more information contact: Luis Chavez or go to urbantilth.org
Help NAME the new North Richmond Farm!

It's time to find a REAL, strong and beautiful name for the new "North Richmond Farm".

During March and April 2016, Urban Tilth will be asking our community to help name the North Richmond Farm!

Do you have an idea of what the name should be?

SUBMIT YOUR NAME IDEA HERE

You can submit your name ideas using the online form and we will be going to community meetings, events and gatherings to gather people's ideas where you can submit name ideas in person.

We will be accepting submissions until April 30th, 2016.

For more information contact: Doria Robinson

Grow with us!

VOLUNTEER
RHS Urban Agriculture Institute Volunteer Day

Come through and volunteer with Urban Tilth @ Richmond High School's Urban Ag. Gardens every first Saturday 10am - 1pm!

Saturday, March 5th
10:00am - 1:00pm
Richmond High Garden
(next to tennis courts)
This month we will:

- Seeding tomatoes, peppers, eggplant etc. for spring/summer
- Building out a chicken run
- Building new tables for our greenhouse
- Loving up our fruit trees

(Any extra building tools are always appreciated ie. drills, saws, etc)

**One of our very own Urban Ag. seniors will be offering information on local stores that provide healthy and organic food options in the Richmond/San Pablo area!

Additionally we will be planting enough starts for volunteers to come back and grab veggies for their own spring/summer planting at our volunteer day next month!

Hope to see you Saturday!
- Mr. B

For more information contact Adam Boisvert

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Community Garden Party at the 1st & Market Garden
North Richmond, CA

Join Tania and Maria for our March Garden Tea Party!

Sunday, March 6th
10am - 12pm
1st & Market St
North Richmond, CA 94801
The 1st Street Community Garden crew has been gearing up for spring. Cover cropping, pruning, mulching, and seeding for the spring. Garden parties will begin in February with a tea party!

We will be top dressing plants for a strong start in spring, and sheet mulch to keep the weeds away. Transplanting into beds, and sharing plant stories of healing.

In light of recent community violence we will be making a special tea for the heart.

For more information contact Tania Pulido

2nd Saturday LOVE OUR GREENWAY DAY

Let's continue to make our Greenway the jewel of Richmond!

Saturday, March 13th
10am - 1pm

* Multiple locations along the Richmond Greenway
(see below for details)

Volunteer Projects will be hosted at the following locations on the Greenway:

- 2nd Street - TRAIL CLEAN-UP (Rich City Rides)
- 6th Street Community Gardens (Urban Tilth)
- 7th Street (The Watershed Project)
16th street Edible Forest (Urban Tilth)

We will provide the rakes, brooms, shovels and tools. All you need to bring is your energy, family and friends. Please dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Let's CELEBRATE our Greenway by showing it some love!

For more information contact, or to RSVP if you are coming with a group of 5 or more people:
- Sherman Dean, sherman@urbantilth.org

AdamsCrest Farm Volunteer Day

PLANTING SEASON IS ON!

Join us at AdamsCrest Farm the 3rd Saturday of every month, help grow healthy fresh veggies for our community!

AdamsCrest Farm
5000 Patterson Circle
Richmond Ca

Every 3rd Saturday
March 19, 2016
10:00am - 1:00pm

Lend a hand, make a difference

For more information please contact doria@urbantilth.org

* Visit our Facebook Event for updates...
Want to help grow Urban Agriculture in the Bay Area?

Join Luis Chavez and the whole Urban Tilth farm crew every 4th Saturday at our new North Richmond Farm.

Every 4th Saturday
Saturday March 26th
10:00am - 1:00pm

Brookside Dr & Fred Jackson Way
North Richmond, CA 94801

Grow Community from the ground up!

* Visit our Facebook Event for updates...

For more information contact luis@urbantilth.org

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"We can begin by doing small things at the local level like planting community gardens or looking out for our neighbors. That is how change takes place in living systems, not from above but from within, from many local actions occurring simultaneously." - Grace Lee Boggs

UPCOMING EVENTS

Growing Our Souls, Building Our Soil :: A Day of Vision In Action

--As part of the official Bay Area Grace Lee Boggs memorial celebration weekend--
Saturday, March 19th  
10am-3pm  
The Richmond Greenway @16th Street  
(Between Ohio and Chanslor Ave in Richmond, CA)

Hosted by Urban Tilth, Movement Generation, and the Bay Area Grace Lee Boggs Memorial Celebration Planning Committee

For more information contact: Sherman Dean, sherman@urbantilth.org or Ellen Choy ellen@movementgeneration.org

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CHEER ON TEAM TILTH!
Nothing helps a Runner keep going after mile 2, 5, 10 or 20 more than seeing neighbors, friends and family cheering your name, helping you across the finish line!

Join us! Bring sound makers, pom poms, funny costumes, witty cheers and post race libations to cheer on the 60 Runners of Team Tilth 2016!

Oakland Running Festival 2016  
March 20th, 2016  
Snow Park, Harrison St,
Visit our Facebook Event for updates...

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CELEBRATE Earth Day and Green Festival
North Richmond

The 6th Annual North Richmond Green Festival and Earth Day Celebration is coming!

Saturday, April 23rd
9am - 2pm

* Verde Elementary
* Wildcat Creek
* North Richmond Ball Field

In addition to numerous free activities and food, we'll all chip in to clean Wildcat Creek.

For more information, call Carla Orozco at 510.776.7568

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If you like what you see, please consider helping us continue to do this work by making a small contribution today.

Without YOU this work would not be possible!
Spring is coming 2016!

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