

Get set for Coastal Cleanup Day and ES Stroll!

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Next month, September 2023, is a big one for the El Sobrante / 94803 Green Team! We have the ES Stroll and parade on Sunday, Sept. 17 and our Coastal Cleanup Day event the following Saturday, Sept. 23.

Like every year, we expect to pull tons of trash from our local creeks and streams with the help of SPAWNERS, SOS Richmond, Supervisor Gioia's office, the library and our community partners. We're hosting the big Saturday, Sept. 23 cleanup starting at 9:30 with another community appreciation event with food, beverage, speakers, music, information, etc., starting around noon, both staged from the ES Public Library, 4191 Appian Way. Details TBA in the next issue.

But first, we will host a table and march in the ES Stroll parade the weekend before. It's a great recruiting opportunity to enlist our neighbors in cleanup and beautification efforts. Last year our contingent earned the Spirit award, so this year we hope even more people will join us in planning and making this September's activities the best yet! That will require some planning and practicing over the next month-plus. We need to figure out and rehearse our steps, chants, cheers and street theater to look good, so please reach out to us if you are interested in being part of the fun.



The Green Team is making a difference, but we need your help! Join us for our monthly cleanups or special events!

If you have a local business, can you post a sign for us or donate to the volunteer appreciation event? We'd love to work with you to improve our town.

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Homeless camper spots sewage spill. As the Green Team was picking up around San Pablo Dam Road at Appian Way in June, an unhoused person approached a cleanup team member to say he had been smelling sewage by the creek. She put out the report and, sure enough, there was a broken pipe pumping raw sewage into San Pablo Creek! Read more about what happened in the SPAWNERS report, but this is a big, stinky reminder that 1) Our unhoused neighbors are part of this community and 2) If you smell sewage or a gas link, report it: If you smell something, tell someone. Likewise, if you see illegal dumping, report it ASAP. The best way to do that is to download the free *Mobile Citizen* app for your smart phone.

Join in our Third Saturday cleanups any month (meet at 10 am at ES Library, 4191 Appian Way). The Green Team is a group of community volunteers, working with the ES Chamber of Commerce and others, to make our town cleaner and more beautiful. If you love our town, we need your help. We have a vest, bag, buckets and grabbers ready for you and a list of places that need to be cleaned up.

All we need now — is you!

FREE Cleanup postcards are available from us for businesses to provide as a free public service to your customers. It promotes our Third Saturday Cleanups, with a list of the area's disposal resources and free services.

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El Sobrante / Richmond 94803

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Meet up at ES Public Library, 4191 Appian Way



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