

Join Me Saturday, September 25 at Richmond's Shimada Park for the 2010 California Coastal Cleanup and Support our Bay Trail

Please join me and approximately 80,000 volunteers around California at this year's Coastal Cleanup on **Saturday, September 25**, at Marina Bay in Richmond. This will be the 20th year I've co-sponsored this annual volunteer event on the Richmond shoreline. It's a great chance to meet new friends and neighbors while beautifying our wonderful shoreline and then enjoying a free healthy lunch at noon.

Plastic, metal, paper and other garbage clutter our shorelines. This pollution interrupts the habitat of marine wildlife, threatening them with the dangers of entanglement and ingestion, and makes our beaches less healthy and pleasant for us. Last year's California Coastal Cleanup removed nearly 1.4 million pounds of debris. Experienced kayakers can join a flotilla cleaning offshore waters.

This year, the sailing vessel "Kaisei" will be docked offshore. The "Kaisei" recently visited the Great Pacific Garbage Patch where its scientists, who will be at the cleanup, have studied this Texas-sized floating accumulation of garbage.

What: Cleaning the Richmond shoreline and marshlands
Where: Shimada Park (end of Marina Bay Parkway), Richmond
When: Saturday, September 25 from 9 a.m. to noon
Who: Sponsored by Supervisor John Gioia, The Watershed Project, and City of Richmond
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Hot coffee when you arrive and a free healthy lunch at noon!

Directions: Exit off I-580 at Marina Bay Parkway and drive down Marina Bay Parkway towards the Bay. By city streets, drive to 23rd St. & Cutting Blvd., and drive on 23rd St. over I-580 towards the Bay. 23rd St. becomes Marina Bay Parkway.

Tips: Wear old clothes and sturdy shoes; bring a refillable water bottle, work gloves and old refillable buckets, if you have them.

Part of preserving our shoreline is supporting the expansion of our Bay Trail. Richmond resident and Bay Trail activist, Bruce Beyaert, is one of five finalists chosen by Trust for Public Land and KTVU Channel 2 for the 2010 Cox Conserves Heroes award. The winner will be chosen by online public voting and will receive \$5,000, which will go to expanding the Bay Trail. Each individual is entitled to one vote. Please click <http://www.coxconservesheroes.com/san-francisco-bay-area-ca/2010-finalists.aspx> to vote under Bruce's photo where you may also view a short video about the Bay Trail in Richmond.

See you on the 25th and don't forget to vote for Bruce to support our Bay Trail!

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