

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Upcoming Reports

The City Manager's Office will be releasing a report on the City Council Goals and Objectives approved in May and the Measure B Quarterly Report. The prior will be a report prepared for the City Council reviewing the 12-month Goals and Objectives providing detailed progress on each Teir I item. The later will be the first of a series of Measure B Quarterly Reports, detailing progress on Measure B funded projects, and will be released in the coming month.

Marina Vista Crime Free Multi-Housing Program Community Social

On November 15, 2012, Marina Vista Apartments at 201 Maine Street became the first Vallejo community to complete all three phases of the Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) program. The City of Vallejo Housing Authority, in partnership with the Vallejo Police Department, Fighting Back Partnership and the Vallejo Fire Department, has implemented the CFMH Certification Program. The program utilizes a three-part strategy to reduce crime, while maintaining a tenant-friendly atmosphere. Upon completion of all three phases, the property is awarded certification and allowed to display the CFMH sign. The certification must be renewed annually. Phase One requires eight hours of training on tenant screening, evictions, and drug and gang identification. Phase Two requires a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) inspection, and curing all identified barriers to a safe, crime-free environment. Phase Three involves a community social which educates the residents about the program. The CFMH program is designed to help tenants, property owners and management of rental property keep drugs and illegal activity off their property. Once all the residents have signed the Crime Free lease agreement, Marina Vista will qualify as Vallejo's first Crime Free Multi-Housing certified property.

City Park Cameras

Work has begun on the installation of security cameras at City Park to increase safety in the neighborhood. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Housing and Community Development Division are being used. The cameras will compliment recent activities completed in the park, including a new play structure which was built in 2009 by volunteers, City officials, and Greater Vallejo and Recreation Department (GVRD) staff.

Community Meetings

City staff have recently met with the residents of the City Park and the Country Club Crest areas to discuss possible traffic calming devices that may be installed in their neighborhoods at a future date. The initial results of a traffic calming study were pre-

sented in order to receive feedback from the residents in attendance. Follow-up workshops are planned early next year. The traffic study is being funded by CDBG.

In 2010, the City Council established South Vallejo as a Neighborhood Preservation Area, which is a CDBG target area in need of focused and comprehensive restoration and revitalization. This means that future CDBG funds for public improvements, code enforcement, and other community activities are expected to be dedicated to South Vallejo for the next few years. Since 2011, City staff and Fighting Back Partnership have been meeting with residents of the South Vallejo CDBG Target Area neighborhood to discuss and begin to prioritize their quality of life concerns. The most recent meeting in South Vallejo was held on November 3.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Local Business Openings

Anna's Linens, 976 Admiral Callaghan Lane, was issued a Certificate of Occupancy on October 25, and is now open for business.

The residential portion of 1717 Sonoma Boulevard (downtown corner of Sonoma Boulevard & Virginia Street) is completed and the Certificate of Occupancy dated November 14 was issued. There are a total of 17 residential units. A tenant improvement permit was previously issued for the downstairs commercial portion of the property and construction is underway.

FIRE

Statewide Disaster Simulation

The Vallejo Fire Department participated in a Statewide Disaster Simulation, in conjunction with representatives from multiple local public safety agencies, on Thursday November 15. The local event, named "Solano Shakes," simulated a magnitude 8.2 earthquake in the San Francisco Bay Area and the consecutive events occurring 3 days after. Two hundred fifty volunteers acted as victims injured in the initial quake and a subsequent collapse at the Solano Mall. The event tested the abilities of the local Health Department, Hospitals, and Office of Emergency Services staff members, to effectively manage the intricacies and challenges of such an event. Management of the incident took place in the parking lot of the Solano Mall in Fairfield where the Vallejo Fire Departments EMS Coordinator, Michael Humphrey, acted as the Incident Safety Officer. Safety is paramount at any event whether actual or simulated. The participation of the Vallejo Fire Department helped to ensure that every person involved, both volunteers and public servants, did so in a safe and effective manner.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Current Recruitments

The City is actively recruiting for the following open positions:

- Assistant Finance Director, will be open until November 30.
- Engineering Technician II, part of the Public Works Department, will be open until

November 26.

The City is actively recruiting for the following internal positions:

- Senior Engineering Technician, part of the Public Works Department, will be open until November 21.
- Pipe Mechanics I/II, part of the Public Works Water Division, will be open until November 30.

POLICE

Officer James Capoot Memorial

The Vallejo Police Department and City of Vallejo marked the one year anniversary of the loss of Officer James Capoot on November 17, 2012. Officer Capoot's name was added to the Vallejo Police and Fire Memorial at City Hall. The event was well attended, which is yet another testament to the kind of positive imprint Officer Capoot left on the community. Officer Capoot continues to be deeply missed.



“Avoid the 11” Grant Award

The California Office of Traffic Safety recently awarded a \$220,000 grant to the Vallejo Police Department to administer DUI enforcement in Solano County. “Avoid the 11”

DUI Task Force will be tackling drunk and drugged driving in Solano County, which remains the number one killer on our roadways, with nearly 800 deaths and over 24,000 injuries.

The 11 agencies participating in the “Avoid the 11” task force include: Benicia Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Cal-Maritime Police Department, Dixon Police Department, Fairfield Police Department, Rio Vista Police Department, Suisun City Police Department, Solano County Sheriff’s Department, Solano Community College Police Department, Vacaville Police Department and Vallejo Police Department.

The grant activities will specifically target those who get behind the wheel after drinking too much or using drugs that impair driving. Officers will be staffing DUI/Driver License Checkpoints, multi-agency DUI Task Force deployments, and local DUI saturation patrols for each partnering agency. Additionally, funding will target the ‘worst of the worst’ repeat DUI offenders with Warrant/Probation Sweeps and Court Sting Enforcement Operations focusing on DUI offenders who leave court hearings and drive away on suspended licenses after being ordered not to drive by a judge.

Office of Traffic Safety Grant

Vallejo Police Department has been awarded a \$76,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program aimed at preventing deaths and injuries on our roadways through special enforcement and public awareness efforts. The grant will aid in the City’s ongoing effort to improve traffic safety and quality of life. Vallejo Police Department will use the funding as part of an on-going commitment to keep our roadways safe through both enforcement and education.

The grant will assist with efforts to deal with traffic safety problems and to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions. While traffic deaths from all causes declined by nearly 39% between 2006 and 2010 in California, state and federal officials anticipate that figures will show a slight rise in 2011. DUI deaths remain the largest sector, at nearly 30% of traffic fatalities. Recent trends show increases in two new categories – distracted driving and drug-impaired driving.

Crime Suppression and Community Outreach

The Vallejo Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) has been actively working with the Vallejo Lamplighters and other neighborhood groups to identify “problem houses.” One such case included work in the 700 block of Laurel Street regarding a suspected drug house. After conducting a thorough investigation of undercover surveillance, detectives sought and obtained a search warrant for the target address. On November 18, Detectives from General Investigations and CSU served the search warrant. One person was arrested and approximately one pound of marijuana and a loaded handgun were recovered. Additionally, a child endangerment case was generated. One other suspect from the address remains outstanding and detectives are actively attempting to locate and arrest him. After a conversation with the landlord of the property, an eviction is now in process.

Individuals who have occupied these “problem houses” have vacated the properties and are now subject to criminal sanctions, which will be addressed in court. This type of collaboration is required to yield positive results and sustained outcomes toward the quality of life issues for citizens of the city.

Below is an email note written to a CSU Detective after the search warrant.

“Hi Detective -

Thank you so much for taking action today on Laurel St.....Please pass along our gratitude to your colleagues who were involved in the planning and implementation of the raid. We are very, very grateful.”

Volunteer Program:

Over a two week period, the volunteers and Citizens on Patrol were actively involved in the following functions:

- Citizens on Patrol —12
- Camera Viewing —17
- Sex Offender Registration Program — 32
- Non-Emergency Phone Lines — 32
- Warrior Weekend — 30
- Alarm Administration — 21
- Administrative Duties — 54
- Crime Scene Perimeter Post Positions — 27
- VPD Vehicles washed and fueled — 11
- Citizens Academy Class #14 — 52
- Total Data Entry Assignments as follows — 59
 - 211 Crystal Reports — 12
 - Pawn Slips — 12
 - Citation/Crash Entry — 15
 - Cross Roads Entry for Traffic — 20

Total Volunteer Hours: **347**

PUBLIC WORKS

Solano Transportation Authority Annual Award Winners

The winners of the Solano Transportation Authority’s (STA) 15th Annual Awards were announced at a ceremony on November 14. The event was hosted by STA Chair and City of Dixon Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr. at the May Fairgrounds in Dixon.

The STA Annual Awards recognize individuals, programs, activities and projects that have contributed to the continued success in “improving the quality of life in Solano County by delivering transportation projects to ensure mobility, travel safety, and economic vitality.” The program provides the opportunity to showcase the many collective transportation accomplishments of the past year. Categories recognized at the awards ceremony typically include:

- Agency of the Year
- Advisory Committee Member of the Year
- Project of the Year
- Safety Project of the Year
- Transit Employee of the Year
- Business of the Year
- Partner of the Year
- Planning/Transportation for Livable Communities
- Project Delivery
- Federal/State Elected Official of the Year
- Special Award



The City of Vallejo won the award for Project Delivery for the various projects that have been delivered in the Downtown Waterfront area.

The City of Vallejo successfully delivered the first phase (Phase A) of the Vallejo Station Parking Garage project as well as the Downtown Streetscape project. The Vallejo Station Parking Garage is a major component of the Vallejo Waterfront Planned Development Master Plan. The construction of this multi-level parking structure will be carried out in two phases, aimed at providing a total of 1,200 spaces; 750 in Phase A (completed in October) and 450 spaces in Phase B. The Vallejo Downtown Streetscape Project will provide streetscape improvements to the “Old Town” area of Downtown Vallejo, provide a link to regional transit by improving the pedestrian environment, and provide traffic calming. The improvements include brick pavers, high quality light fixtures, street furnishings, improved sidewalks, landscaping, diagonal parking and pavement rehabilitation. Improvements will be made on a 14-block section of Downtown Vallejo bounded by Sacramento Street to the west, Virginia Street to the north, Sonoma Boulevard to the east and Maine Street to the south.

“STEAM” Project

The Vallejo Public Works Water Division’s conservation staff completed work on a new multi-faceted educational project called STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) on October 31, offered through the Vallejo City Unified School District. Over 500 students attending classes at the three public middle schools received specialized instruction from city conservation staff on a variety of local water related topics utilizing water education resources provided by the Public Works Department.

Representatives from the Vallejo City Unified School District first approached the Public Works Department in July requesting assistance in getting the project off the ground. Throughout the summer months, city staff from several water department offices put together an assortment of water related periodicals and instructional videos to complement the classroom curriculum. Conservation staff conducted a teacher training session to familiarize teachers with local drinking water sources and introduced a process for performing water quality lab testing in the classroom.

The project culminated with every middle school classroom receiving a 1-hour presentation by city staff on local water sources, water career opportunities, and sound water conservation practices. The Public Works Department is looking forward to making this a regular component within the Water Education Program.

City-wide Street Overlay Project

Construction recently came to a close on the City-wide Street Overlay Project, in which various streets throughout the city were rehabilitated over the past several months. The City of Vallejo was awarded a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality block grant of \$1.6 million in federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration for the Local Streets and Roads Program. Combined with local funding, the total project budget was just over \$2 million.

The various stretches of non-residential road were selected based on their pavement condition index (PCI), a rating system for street pavement conditions based on a number of factors including the amount of traffic. The eligible streets with the poorest PCI were selected for this project:

- Mini Drive (Whitney Avenue to Corcoran Avenue)
- Mini Drive (Hwy 37 to Stanford Drive)
- Magazine Street (Portola Avenue to Jordan Street)
- Florida Street (Tuolumne Street to Shasta Street)
- Rollingwood Drive (Pope Drive to Benicia Road)
- Skyline Drive (Pajaro Way to Goheen Circle)
- Magazine Street (Pine Street to SR29)

The construction contract was awarded to Ghilotti Construction Company, Inc., of Santa Rosa, CA in May. Construction began in June and finished in early November.

The project removed over 6,400 tons of asphalt concrete and replaced nearly 6,900 tons for the overlay. Additionally, over 9,600 square feet of sidewalk was removed and replaced, and 4,300 linear feet of curb and gutter to comply with ADA specifications.



Magazine Street – Before & After

City Paving Project

The City of Vallejo Maintenance Division and Caltrans entered into a collaborative effort to complete projects that both agencies needed to address. The City project was to asphalt grind and repave the 100 and 200 blocks of Sequoia Avenue. While Caltrans needed to trim the large eucalyptus trees that lined the east side of the Sequoia Avenue offramp of eastbound I-80 and replace damaged fencing. It was necessary to close the ramp due to the proximity of the Sequoia Avenue.

While Caltrans closed the freeway offramp, a City loader used for the grinding project was made available to Caltrans and assisted with moving the cut tree limbs. At the same time, City crews used the asphalt grinder to grind and load the existing asphalt from the two blocks of Sequoia Avenue into contract rental trucks. All this was accomplished on November 8.

On November 9 both returned to complete their respective projects. The Maintenance Division returned at 7:00 a.m. to begin the paving project on the east end of Sequoia Avenue at Navone Street (furthest from the ramp). Starting at the east end allowed City crews to get a head start on paving before the 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ramp closure. With limited time to complete the project, orchestration of the logistics were critical and included; scheduling the trucks to deliver the 200 tons of asphalt, laying of the asphalt, and rolling and cooling. Simultaneously, Caltrans worked on replacing state cyclone fence along the ramp up to Lincoln Road. Both agencies completed their projects and the ramp was re-opened at 2:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vallejo City Council

Tuesday, November 27, Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Community Meeting on the Housing Code Text Amendment

Thursday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

CDBG/HOME Bidder's Conference

Thursday, November 29, at 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Participatory Budgeting Assemblies

*Thursday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Glen Cove Elementary School, 501 Glen Cove Parkway.

Wednesday, December 5, at 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Jesse Bethel High School, 1800 Ascot Parkway — Assembly for Youth.

Refreshments will be served. *Child care available.

Planning Commission

Monday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Ad-Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Oversight Board Meeting

Thursday, December 6, at 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Community Development Commission

Thursday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.