



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Temple Art Lofts

Vallejo's Art and Entertainment District's most recent addition, [Temple Art Lofts](#), is continuing to give tours and accept applications for its affordable units. Housed in the former City Hall and Masonic Temple buildings, the development gives preference to working artists earning no more than 50 percent of the median income for the area. With more than half the units already leased and a variety of artistic media represented by the residents, Temple Art Lofts is becoming a focal point of Vallejo's Arts and Entertainment District.

Additional marketing efforts have included mail outs to cities in surrounding areas, outreach to retailers and other businesses that display, sell, or create works of art, educational and social organizations related to the arts and advertising in a variety of electronic and printed media. Most recently the City of Vallejo issued a [press release](#) about the project.

Their grand opening is being planned for early July.

New Hire

On June 3, the division welcomed John Silva as the City of Vallejo's newest Code Enforcement Officer. Silva worked for the Solano County Resource Management Department as a Code Enforcement Officer for the last seven years. He has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Public Administration and will obtain his Master's degree in Business Administration early next year. Please welcome John Silva to the City of Vallejo.



Vacant and Foreclosed Residential Property Registration Program

On May 22, the division kicked-off the new Vacant and Foreclosed Property Registration [Program](#) by sending informative letters and registration packets to 70 of approximately 360 foreclosed properties. The program requires property owners to register, monitor and maintain these types of residential properties within the City. The Ordinance became effective on April 12 and will be codified within the Vallejo Municipal Code (VMC) Chapter 7.62, [Vacant Building Ordinance](#) in June.

Demolition Project

Demolition of the structure located at 1903 El Dorado Street is tentatively scheduled to begin the last week of June. The two remaining properties slated for demolition, 212 Carolina and 618/620 Branciforte Street, are moving forward through the Building Division's noticing process, subject to available funding.

Entrances and Thoroughfares

The Vallejo Inter-agency Partnership (VIP) has completed Phase IV of the Citywide Entrance and Thoroughfare clean-up effort and is in the planning stages for Phase V. Phase V will consist of cleaning up and landscaping the Fairgrounds/Hwy 37 on and off ramps. In addition, members of VIP met with Six Flags Discovery Kingdom park officials on May 10 to discuss the adoption, maintenance and beautification of the Phase V area. Six Flags was very receptive to the idea and are currently working with Caltrans Adopt-a-Highway staff to complete the adoption process.

Pro-Active Enforcement

On May 18, the division partnered with the Public Works Department and the Downtown Central Core Restoration Corporation to clean the downtown area. Enforcement activity was conducted on 10 downtown properties, and as of June 3, violations on five of the properties had been abated. Currently, the primary focus for pro-active enforcement has shifted to properties with excessive high dry weeds, especially those with vacant structures and large lots close to residential developments. The division is working closely with the City's Fire Department in this effort due to this season's high fire danger.



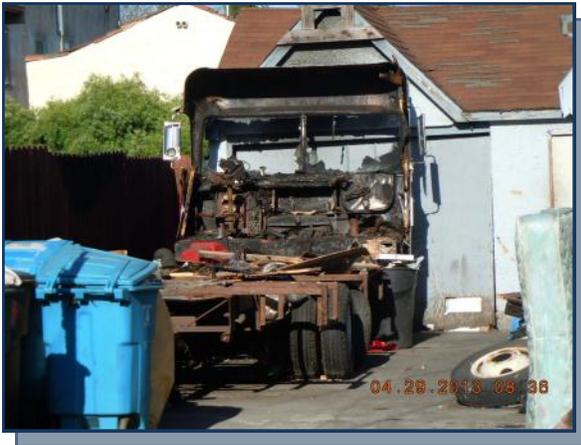
Future Agenda Items List

The Future's List is used exclusively by City staff as a draft working document for planning and tentative scheduling of agenda related items and does not represent any final dates for placement and presentation to the legislative body (City Council, Housing Authority and/or Successor Agency). The list provided is an abbreviated version including only the most significant policy and action items. The list is subject to change by staff and may not represent all items that eventually will appear on any given final meeting agenda. Follow this link to view the [Future's List](#).

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Neighborhood Law Program (NLP)

The NLP has most recently worked with owners of three properties to complete the abatement of nuisances. One of the three properties, 2221 El Dorado Street, was purchased at auction shortly after an RV exploded in the driveway. NLP attorneys made the new owner aware of the issues who took swift action to abate the nuisance.



The NLP continues to add properties to its [list](#). Since the last report, 12 pre-nuisance letters have been sent and work is anticipated to begin as owners take measure.

NLP Attorneys filed a complaint against a property owner after he continued to fail to abate a nuisance on his property at 124 Illinois Street; NLP Attorneys will take legal action to ensure handling. The property owner did however fix his code enforcement violations.

The NLP Attorneys will file a petition for a receivership next week to address a longstanding abandoned and fire-damaged property. The goal of the the receivership process will be a cost-effective and efficient way to deal with fire-damaged and abandoned properties within the City.



In their continued community outreach, the NLP recently met with an unofficial neighborhood watch group dealing with a nuisance in their neighborhood and also spoke with the Vallejo Soroptomist Society. They have scheduled upcoming events with another neighborhood watch group, and continue to meet and speak regularly with the Vallejo Lamplighters and Fighting Back Partnership.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Funding Awarded for North Mare Island Building Assessment

On May 31, the City of Vallejo was notified that it will receive technical support from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX for a “Targeted Brownfields Assessment” (TBA). The award amount, which may be up to \$75,000, will be funded through the EPA’s ongoing TBA Program. The program supplements the Brownfields Grant Program by minimizing the uncertainties of contamination and by promoting the cleanup and development of Brownfields. The work performed by an EPA contractor, will focus on four of the worst buildings on North Mare Island, which were transferred by the US Navy to the City as part of a larger transfer of assets from the former Mare Island Naval Base.



- Building 655 a former warehouse built in 1942;
- Building 755 a former administration building and training facility built in 1945;
- Building 617 a former administration building built in 1942; and,
- Building 621 a former naval barracks built in 1942.

This detailed assessment will evaluate the hazards and costs of building demolition for the highest priorities on the north end of Mare Island so that economic redevelopment of this area can begin to move forward.

The award will augment the City of Vallejo’s Measure B allocation of \$500,000 in FY 12-13 and the proposed allocation of \$500,000 in FY 13-14. A preliminary report details the specifications to remove and abate asbestos containing material and lead containing paint from Building 655, and suspected to be similar findings in the remaining three buildings.



Additional details can be reviewed in the [press release](#) and the City’s [EPA application](#).

Building Updates

During the month of May, the Building Division processed 169 permits.

- The Meyer's Cookware project, located at 1 Meyers Place, is valued at \$2,465,000 and continues to make progress. They have completed the construction of their Testing Kitchen in the Quality Assurance Lab.
- The permit for "Habit Burger," located at 118 Plaza Drive (formerly occupied by Wendy's), was issued on May 13. The valuation for this project is \$300,000.
- A Tenant Improvement permit for a new Dialysis Clinic, located at 1801 Broadway Street, was issued on May 7. The valuation for this project is \$829,400.

Planning Division

During the month of May, the following were issued:

- 4 Sign Permits
- 2 Administrative Permits
- 2 Public Notices for residential additions
- 1 Site Development Permit to convert Wendy's to a Habit Burger restaurant

During the period of May 20 through May 31, the following inquiries were processed:

- 31 General property inquiries
- 26 Business License sign-offs
- 25 Zoning questions
- 25 Planning application questions
- 21 Building Permit application reviews/sign-offs
- 5 Miscellaneous requests
- 8 Code Enforcement complaints

In addition, the department sent out 3 public notices to approximately 556 property owners/organizations announcing upcoming meetings and proposed decisions on administrative permits.

FIRE

Calls for Service

The department responds to numerous calls for various situations; the following is a breakdown of the number of calls for the month of May:

Overall, the department responded to 1,762 calls (including multi-unit) and 1,074 incidents. The May call volume was 1024, a 4.8 per cent increase over last year.

EMS calls	806
Hazardous conditions	17
Fire calls	65
False alarms	40
Good intent	86

Truck 21	192
Engine 21	38
Engine 22	192
Engine 23	273
Engine 24	262
Engine 25	170
Engine 27	117

POLICE

Personnel

Retirements

Officer Steve Kent

Officer Kent, Badge #447, retired on May 30 after 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Vallejo. Officer Kent was a 1980 graduate of Vallejo High School. Kent began his career with Vallejo Police Department in 1982 as a Reserve Officer. He became a full time Police Officer in 1988. Kent held various assignments in the department including: patrol, crime suppression, investigations, and bike patrol. Kent also led the Vallejo Police Explorer Scouts for many years. He is highly respected by his peers as an extremely dedicated Officer, has received numerous commendations, including the Good Conduct Medal for his service.

New Hire

Police Officer Terry Schillinger

Officer Schillinger, Badge #638, was born, raised and currently resides in Vallejo. He is a 2002 graduate of Jesse Bethel High School. Schillinger add space served as a Machinist's Mate 3rd Class in the United States Navy from 2002 through 2006, specializing in submarine weapons delivery systems. In 2008, he was hired as a Police Officer by the El Cerrito Police Department where he was recognized as Officer of the Year in 2011. His most recent assignment was as a Detective. In 2012, he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Union Institute University. Schillinger is married and has a one-year-old daughter.



VPD Graduate

The department is very proud of Police Officer Bob Kerr, Badge #596. Kerr has been a Vallejo Police Officer since 2005, and prior to, he was a Solano County Sheriff's Deputy from 1998 to 2005. On May 24, Kerr graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Califor-

nia State University at Sacramento with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Career Technical Education. Kerr gave the commencement address to a packed crowd at Power Balance Pavilion (formerly Arco Arena) which included family, friends, and co-workers from the VPD. According to those present, Kerr gave a very poignant and meaningful speech. Officer Kerr is photographed right delivering the commencement address.



PUBLIC WORKS

Vallejo-Free of Graffiti Recognition

During the May 28 Council Meeting, the Vallejo-Free of Graffiti ([VFOG](#)) program volunteers were recognized for their work in graffiti removal throughout the City. Vice Mayor Gomes presented a Certificate of Appreciation to each volunteer. The group of dedicated individuals gather the third Saturday of each month to rid Vallejo of graffiti. Overall, more than 28 volunteers and 4 City employees were recognized for their dedication and efforts in eradicating graffiti, beautifying the community and improving the quality of life for Vallejo citizens. *“The difference between art and graffiti is permission”*



Bill Moore	Jeff Kingman	Katy Miessner	Penny Shields
Bob Rich	Jimmy Collins	Luara Levin	Robin Leong
Bob Weir	Jimmy Genn	Marty Kuehneman	Ruscal Cayangang
Bonnie Morgan	Joe Klingsmith	Maureen Kocourek	Salli Collins
Chris Shields	John Kocourek	Maureen Moore	Tony Pearsall
Dennis Albright	Kathleen O’Sullivan	Miguel Castillo	Tony Speck
James D. Davis	Kathy Klingsmith	Patricia Gatz	Wendell Quigley
*Ben Meno	*Chris Wadsworth	*Steve MacDonald	*Tom Wright

*City Employee



Downtown Vallejo Streetscape Project Phase 2

The Downtown Vallejo Streetscape project is nearing completion. Landscaping has been planted and the contractor has completed 80 percent of the paver installation. All of the sidewalks, curbs and gutters have been installed. Street light poles have been erected and final paving is planned at the end of this week, with street print installation scheduled for the following week. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for this Summer.



Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum

The Public Works Department recently completed the replacement of the roof located on the City-owned building of the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum. The project was completed in May with the application of the final coating material. The final construction cost was approximately \$260,000.



Springstowne Library / Fire Station #24

On May 28, work began to repair the roof of the Springstowne Library/Fire Station #24, a City-owned structure. During the initial work week, the contractor was able to remove

and replace the roof material on the fire station side of the building. This week, the contractor is working on the library side. The replacement of the skylights, along with the addition of curbs, should provide better leak protection over the library.



Vallejo Station Parking Access Revenue Control Systems (PARCS)

PARCS equipment installation began this week at the parking structure and surface lots, with an anticipated two week installation period. The system will be configured to go live by early July.

Green Academy

On May 24, in partnership with the Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) and the Jessie Bethel High School Green Academy, Public Works Water Division staff hosted a “Drinking Water Career Day” event at the Fleming Hill Water Treatment Facility.



The Green Academy, a program that aims to prepare students for careers in “green” technology fields, is a recent addition to the local high school academic curriculum, and a program which the Public Works Department has formally pledged its support.

During their visit, the students participated in a guided tour of the facility by multiple teams of water plant operators, were provided with interactive classroom presentations consisting of water laboratory tools and techniques, as well as a review of current and historical sources of Vallejo’s drinking water.

Following the visit, Green Academy teacher Marlys Frisby, contacted the Division proclaiming the presentation excited the students so much that they agreed it was the “best field trip they had ever been on.” City staff enjoyed the visit as well and are preparing for future field trips.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Note: Events are subject to change. Please visit the [City Calendar](#) located on the City's Website for the most up-to-date information.

Sister Cities Meeting

Monday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. in City Council Chambers

Design Review Board - Tentative

Monday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers

Economic Vitality Commission

Wednesday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers

Public Community Meeting FEMA Map Revision Flood Hazard Area

Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Steffan Manor Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room, 815 Cedar Street

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers

Oversight Board Meeting

Thursday, June 20 at 8:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers

Architectural Heritage and Landmarks Commission

Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers

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