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Vallejo Station Construction Moves Along

The Vallejo Station Parking Garage is a major component of the Vallejo Waterfront Planned Development Master Plan. The first phase is under construction and will provide 750 parking spaces for [BayLink](#) ferry system riders. The purpose of this project is to consolidate the existing surface parking lots located along Mare Island Way from Capitol Street to Maine Street and make way for the development of those parcels. The primary entrance of the garage is located along Mare Island Way and a secondary entrance will be located along Santa Clara Street.



Construction of the first phase of the garage began in June 2010 and is expected to be completed in early 2012. The total project cost is estimated at approximately \$21 million, using regional, state and federal transit funding. The project also includes street improvements along Mare Island Way. A new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of the garage entrance. New street landscaping is being planted including mature palm trees. Decorative street lights are also being added along Mare Island Way. A kiss and ride drop off area is also under construction south of the ferry dock entrance.

The parking structure will also connect the new Bus Transit Center to the Ferry Terminal Building via a paseo. Landscaping and decorative arbors will be placed throughout the paseo deck which is at the same level as Santa Clara Street. Energy efficiency is achieved through the installation of LED lights. Two elevators and two staircases will provide passage between the three different levels.

Grow Vallejo Fund - Financing for Vallejo Business

The Grow Vallejo Fund is a unique economic development partnership between the City of Vallejo, the National Development Council and the Grow America Fund, Inc. The Grow Vallejo Fund looks to finance healthy, successful, small businesses that need expansion capital to reach their full growth potential. Through the Grow Vallejo Fund, eligible small businesses in the city of Vallejo may apply for loans from \$50,000 to \$2,000,000 at competitive rates, floating or fixed, for a term of up to 25 years. [Havana Sol](#), a restaurant adjacent to the [Empress Theatre](#), received funding from this source.

In order to qualify for these loans, the businesses must be engaged in a legitimate for-profit business activity and have the ability to create permanent jobs in the community. It is anticipated additional funding will be added to the fund by early 2012. More information about the fund is included in the linked brochure: [Grow Vallejo Fund brochure](#).



Six Flags Open for Holiday Activities

[Six Flags Discovery Kingdom](#) will host its fifth annual Holiday in the Park event, one of northern California's biggest holiday attractions. New this year are several holiday shows, including Jingle Bell Rock, Toy Box Christmas and an all-new sea lion show, Sea Lion Express. In addition to the holiday fare such as hot cocoa and eggnog, this year the park has introduced Happy Holidays, a dinner/show featuring a holiday buffet with live musical act (two servings nightly at 4 and 7 p.m. for an additional fee). Guests can enjoy beautifully lit themed areas, such as the Main Street Festival of Lights, Candy Cane Lane, Toy Land, Reindeer Village, and of course, Santa's Workshop where kids can meet Santa and his elves. Fun for the whole family is sledding down the gigantic Blitzen's Wonderland Mountain Snow Hill and Prancer's Snow Play Area.



Personnel from Travis AFB will take part in the nightly tree-lighting ceremony as the community takes time to honor the military. A favorite part of Holiday in the Park are the marine mammal shows - A Dolphin Holiday and Dream, starring Shouka, the killer whale. Thrill seekers will enjoy roller coasters Medusa, Kong, Sky Screamer, V2, and Roar which are open for business. Guests will have an opportunity to ride Pandemonium one last time before it's dismantled to make room for the new SUPERMAN Ultimate Flight coming in 2012.

For more information or to purchase tickets: visit Six Flags [website](#). Bring a new unwrapped toy and receive \$20 off admission on December 10th and 11th; bring a bag of non-perishable food and receive \$20 off admission on December 17th. Holiday in the Park is open weekends through December 18th and then daily through January 1, 2012 (closed December 24th and 25th).

Cal Maritime Video Highlights Campus

[California Maritime Academy](#) was recently featured in CBS 5's Eye on the Bay series. The video includes many exceptional images of the campus located at the mouth of the Carquinez and Mare Island Straits. The short video also highlights the learning that takes place on the Vallejo campus every day. It features the high tech simulators and other campus resources that are available to the CMA cadets. The video also highlights the Golden Bear ship that provides a learning environment for CMA cadets as they travel around the world. Articulate cadets and faculty are featured. Here is the link to the video on the main page of the CMA website: [CMA video](#).



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Yates Named Officer of the Year

Officer Scott Yates was recognized and named as Officer of the Year for 2010. Officer Yates was also recognized at the Solano County Rotary Clubs 20th Annual Police Officer Evening of Honor held on October 21. At the Chiefs Special Agents' Association Appreciation Luncheon Officer Yates was also honored with a special award.

Officer Yates is a Vallejo native and a graduate of Hogan High School. He joined the U.S. Air Force after school. In 1994, Scott began his career with [Vallejo PD](#). He was selected as a K-9 officer in 1997. Officer Yates has received numerous commendations throughout his career for excellent police work. Scott is married with one daughter.

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