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Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum Upgrades Lighting

City of Vallejo Public Works staff recently worked with the [Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum](#) to retrofit and upgrade the lighting in its historic building. The scope of work consisted of removing the old lighting fixtures and upgrading to new Energy Star efficient lights. The project was one of the "Leveraging City Assets" projects approved by the City Council as part of the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Measure B budget.

The building at 734 Marin Street is owned by the City of Vallejo and leased to the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum. The modifications were a one-time expense designed to reduce annual operating costs of the City-owned building. The lighting upgrades will save the museum about \$3,700 in annual energy and maintenance costs.



"We've really been working hard to reduce our energy consumption and operate a more "green" Museum," said Jim Kern, the Museum's Executive Director. "But just as importantly we are concerned about using the proper kind of lighting that won't harm the artifacts on display. The new LED lighting that was installed in our galleries is the perfect solution."

Installation of the new lighting fixtures was completed last month. The Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. This Saturday the museum hosts its annual Teddy Bear Tea and free Holiday Open House.

Vallejo Celebrates Holiday with Tree Lighting Parade

Vallejo celebrated its third annual [Mad Hatter Holiday Festival](#) and Holiday Tree-Lighting and Parade last weekend. The parade kicked off with the appearance of the Mad Hatter Mascot launching the parade at the intersection of Marin Street and Georgia Street. The parade featured dancing horses and Cal Maritime Cadets dancing the Waltz. People lined Georgia Street to Mare Island Way and enjoyed the festivities.



Vallejo's own competitive eater Joey "Jaws" Chestnut was this year's Grand Marshal for the Mad Hatter Parade. Fiddlaround led holiday sing alongs and the Cal Maritime color guard added to the unique pageantry. The festival featured a surprise visit by Michael Cooper the co-founder and lead singer of ConFunkShun. Cooper came to the stage and sang the Christmas song a-cappella to cheers. The Tree Lighting, Lighted Boat Parade and the 35 flame shooting Gee-Nome all

went off at the same time.

After the tree-lighting ceremony, the festival activities continued at [Children's Wonderland Park](#) with carol singing, holiday ornament making at Santa's workshop and other holiday festivities.

Corbus Field Refurbished

The [Vallejo City Unified School District](#) has completed work at Corbus Field refurbishing the oval track. The project was completed on schedule and made available to the students at the beginning of the school year. The new track surface is currently being utilized by the students and community will be welcomed by the many track and field participants during the upcoming spring season.

The project is one example of recent capital investments by the District. During the summer new fencing and gates were installed at Vallejo High School, Franklin Middle School and Wardlaw Elementary School. The work included the installation of a combination chain link and wrought iron fencing. The new fencing strengthens the District's ability to provide safe and secure school campuses.



For information on renting school facilities for programs or activities, community members can visit the District's website by [clicking here](#).

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The [Vallejo Police Department](#) is conducting its annual volunteer toy drive. This marks the sixth year of the holiday tradition. Every year, the volunteers' efforts and the generous donations of Vallejo businesses and citizens have combined to make the program more successful than the previous year. Volunteers are a key part of the Vallejo Police Department team. This tradition is just one example of how the volunteers enhance our community.

Donation barrels have been placed at various Vallejo businesses who support the effort, including Safeway in Glen Cove, Character's Saloon, Mi Pueblo Market, Target, Georgia Street Café, Vallejo Yacht Club, Klimisch's Inc., Sac's Hotdogs, Red Lobster, Avery Greene Motors, Solano Association of Realtors on Springs Road and more.

Many businesses and organizations have also donated money and items to help support the VPD Volunteer Toy Drive, including Lowe's, Home Depot, Vista Neighborhood Association, Dance Unlimited, Party City, Vallejo Coin Exchange and Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.

The gifts will be delivered by Santa Claus with help from the volunteers, a few cadets and police officers at various Vallejo locations on Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are welcome at any of the locations. If preferred, cash donations are acceptable, which will be used to purchase new toys.

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