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Vallejo Station Parking Garage Opens to the Public

The Vallejo Station Parking Garage, located at Mare Island Way across from the Ferry Terminal, celebrated its ribbon cutting on October 11th and is now open to the public. The first portion of a two-phase project, the garage will free up surface parking to allow for the ultimate development of the Waterfront Master Plan. The Waterfront Master Plan includes parks, offices, retail and transit oriented residential developments.

The first phase of the parking garage is a three-story structure containing 750 parking stalls, with a landscaped Public Paseo connecting the new Bus Transit Center to the Ferry Terminal. This new connection allows for easy movement between the [bus](#) and [ferry](#) systems.



Funding for the Vallejo Station Parking Garage was made possible by various federal, state and local contributions, totaling \$36.7 million. More than 73,000 cubic yards of dirt was excavated from the parking garage location and more than 18,500 cubic yards of concrete was poured in order to build the structure. The construction of the Vallejo Station Parking Garage employed more than 400 workers, including many trades and construction support. A Project Labor Agreement was successfully used to connect local workers to the construction jobs.

Kiewit Named California Contractor of the Year

[Kiewit](#) has been a long term partner of the City of Vallejo as a lessee of City-owned waterfront property at the end of Ryder Street and Chestnut Street in South Vallejo. Engineering News Record recently named Kiewit as the 2011 ENR California Contractor of the Year. Completing well-known transportation and energy projects, such as Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), the Nebraska based company has been an major employer in California since the 1940s. Currently, Kiewit is doing business all over Northern California from their waterfront location in Vallejo.



Kiewit is currently constructing the \$890 million BART Warm Springs extension from the existing Fremont Station, adding 5.4 miles of new tracks. This project is scheduled to be finished in 2015. Transportation is Kiewit's largest endeavor, but the company also constructs projects in petroleum, power, water supply, buildings and industrial process markets in California.

Kiewit has supported the Vallejo community in various ways. The company has assisted the Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank and Solano Land Trust, it also hosts an outreach and training program for Bay Area youth to introduce high school students to potential opportunities in the construction industry.

Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District Celebrates 60 Years

In celebration of 60 years of service, the [Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District](#) (VSFCD) opened its doors to the public for a free open house on October 25th. Guests were served refreshments and activities provided for all ages. Nearly 200 people attended the open house and were given treatment plant tours, the opportunity to chat with engineers and learned about the variety of projects and programs provided by the VSFCD. District staff and representatives from Solano Community College talked to students and other adults about how to join the industry.



In addition, some community partners, such as the [Vallejo Watershed Alliance](#) and the California Native Plant Society, had information tables. Guests learned about pesticides and herbicides creating problems in the bay and how the District uses solar power at the largest pump station to reduce energy costs.

City Council members and one member of the Board of Supervisors serve as the policy board of the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District. District offices are located at 450 Ryder Street.

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In celebration of this year's World Food Day on October 16th and U.S. Food Day on October 24th, Vallejo hosted an event called [Just Food - Celebrating Locally Grown](#). A panel discussion on food justice and security issues and a showing of the underground documentary "Fresh" was held last Saturday at the Rizzo Auditorium at the [California Maritime Academy](#). Guest speakers from Oakland Food Policy Council, [Touro University California](#) and [Loma Vista Farm](#) joined the event.

This year's World Food Day celebration focused on ending world hunger and supporting local food systems. U.S. Food Day celebrated moving toward more healthy, affordable and sustainable food. Two Vallejo organizations, Friends of Loma Vista Farm and Vallejo Food Rescue, benefited from the event.

Just Food was about working together as a community, focusing on food justice, food security, ending hunger, access to affordable and healthy food choices, obesity prevention, supporting local farms and sustainable food systems and promoting healthy living. The Just Food event was sponsored by Sutter Solano Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente Vallejo, two of Vallejo's largest employers.

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