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Highlands Park Construction Begins

Construction has finally begun on the new Highlands Park. The original park was removed to facilitate infrastructure to support the Waterstone residential project. The replacement park is being funded by developer [Braddock and Logan](#) and has been eagerly awaited by the east Vallejo community. The newly designed park will include bocce ball courts, a half-court basketball court, a children's playground, restrooms, parking lot, pathways and landscaping.

Highlands Park is located in east Vallejo at the corner of Columbus Parkway and Regents Park Drive. Another nearby improvement funded by the residential development will be the upgrade of the Benicia Road and Columbus Parkway intersection. That improvement is expected in 2013.



During the last two years, the City of Vallejo and the [Greater Vallejo Recreation District](#) have partnered with private developers and the community to fund three other park upgrades in Vallejo: Glen Cove Waterfront Park, the Dan Foley all weather sports field and Northgate Neighborhood Park.

Weston Celebrates Mare Island Clean up Safety Record

[Weston Solutions](#) recently celebrated a safety milestone with more than 300,000 hours worked on various environmental cleanup activities at the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard during the past 10 years without an injury. Through an environmental services agreement between the Navy and the



City of Vallejo, the Navy provided funding to the City for cleanup of more than 3,000 acres on the western portion of Mare Island. Weston has been one of the City of Vallejo's partners in performing the environmental services necessary to address the impacts of more than 140

years of Navy presence on Mare Island.

Weston performs investigations, removes the contaminated soil, detects and removes discarded munitions and radiological items, installed an engineered cap for a former landfill, installed a soil cover and fencing, created new wetlands, enhanced existing wetlands, built a new recreational trail and provides on-going monitoring of groundwater.

One of these cleanup activities, Investigation Area H1, was recently recognized by the Chief of Naval Operations, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of Defense as a winner of their Fiscal Year 2011 Environmental Restoration Award in the Individual/Team Category. Weston recently celebrated this achievement with a barbecue, thanking all the field personnel for their award-winning efforts and attention to safe practices.

Municipal Marina Dredging Underway

The [Vallejo Municipal Marina](#) began dredging operations to eliminate excess silt and improve accessibility to Vallejo boaters and visitors. The project to remove 65,000 cubic yards of silt began in early October and will continue until the end of November.

The work is being performed by Salt River Construction Company of San Rafael, using a 50 ton excavator on a 500 cubic yard hopper barge with a tug boat. The company will remove more than 1,000 yards of silt per day and transport the silt to an approved disposal area in San Pablo Bay.



Dredging began with the covered slips located at Docks B and C. Dredging these premium slips will ensure that they will be more accessible to marina customers and enhance the financial performance of the marina.

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Last month the City of Vallejo was visited by the [Pink Heals Tour](#), a volunteer organization that rallies people together to support the fight against cancer. Fire Captain Cliff Campbell was introduced to the organization last year and was instrumental in bringing the tour to Vallejo to support cancer victims within our community.

On September 24th the Pink Heals Tour traveled through the City of Vallejo, stopping first at Vallejo Charter School, to show support for children dealing with cancer. After the school stop, the Engine toured two homes to show the support to women in the community. All of the individuals were able to sign the Pink Engine.

Fundraising started at the Vallejo Plaza Shopping Center, where a steady flow of people within the city and around the area showed up in support of the event. The Pink Heals Tour helps communities raise local funds to support the local fight against cancer. The focus is to ensure that 100 percent of the money stays local, creating immediate care.

The Vallejo Police Department Traffic Division also assisted the Pink Heals Tour, offering their support and time to escort the convoy of fire engines through the city during the school and home visits. For more information about the Pink Heals Tour visit their [website](#), or look for the [Solano County Chapter on Facebook](#).

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