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Toys R Us / Babies R Us Opens

[Toys R Us](#) has reopened in Vallejo bigger and better than ever. The national retailer formerly occupied the building that is now home to Vallejo's Best Buy. The new Toys R Us / Babies R Us features an updated design and streamlined [shopping](#)



environment. Beyond the store's broad assortment of playthings for kids of all ages, the store was renovated to include a number of sustainable features with the goal of conserving energy and reducing the store's overall impact to the environment. The 45,000 square foot store was completed during a seven month construction period.

As a result of the store's opening, nearly 70 full-time and part-time positions have been created, in addition to the approximate 50 seasonal positions that will be part of the store's holiday hiring initiative. The Toys R Us / Babies R Us is located at 105 Plaza Drive and fills the one large vacancy in the Gateway Plaza shopping center that draws shoppers from throughout the north bay.

City Hall Now Equipped with Free Wi-Fi

Vallejo City Hall is now equipped with free Wi-Fi Internet access. The wireless internet access ranges from the Council Chambers and the surrounding areas about 10 to 15 feet outside of City Hall. Access has been extended to the City's Central Permit Center in an effort to further enhance the City Hall business and resident customer experience.

The user name and password is posted in the Council Chambers and the permit center. The Wi-Fi range is currently limited to the first two floors of City Hall with extensions planned for all conference rooms in the building.



Fright Fest Returns to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

The "Thrills by Day, Fright by Night" returns as [Six Flags Discovery Kingdom](#) transforms into a Halloween extravaganza that caters to our every fear. The park will be kid-friendly fun by day with haunted roller coasters and hair-raising scares by night.

Complete with more zombies, two all-new haunted attractions and Halloween-themed animal shows, Fright Fest will be the place to be for the haunting thrills this season. Daytime activities include children's hay maze, the Witch's Lair cookie decorating room, a scream contest and a children's 12 and under costume contest. Kids can also visit the Twick or Tweak Twail and receive sweet treats at the Looney Tunes Seaport. Fright by night includes the Massacre Mine - the twisted haunted maze, encounter carnies at Cirkus Bezerkus - the circus that never left town, zombie zones and various other nighttime attractions.



Six Flags Discovery Kingdom's Fright Fest begins on Saturday, September 29, and runs weekends through October 28, including Friday, October 19 and October 26.

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Home Retention / Foreclosure Prevention Workshop on Saturday

The City of Vallejo, Solano Realist Association, Fighting Back Partnership and the Vallejo Neighborhood Lamplighters are sponsoring a joint [Home Retention and Foreclosure Prevention workshop](#) this weekend. Teams of representatives from Bank of America, Chase and Wells Fargo, as well as HUD certified Homeownership Counselors, will be available to discuss home loan issues. Families who bring all required documents may be able to have their [mortgages](#) modified on the spot. People wishing to have their mortgages modified must bring a current bank statement, their complete 2011 signed taxes and schedules with W-2s and their first and second mortgage statements. In addition to the loan modifications, speakers will be presenting topic on how to avoid scams, how foreclosure impacts credit and [tax](#) liability, impacts the neighbors and destabilizes neighborhoods.

Professionals will be available to discuss mental health support, assistance to veterans and other services. This free workshop will be held on Saturday, September 29th from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. at the Joseph Room of the JFK Library (505 Santa Clara Street). For more information call (707) 580-4579 or (707) 694-0229, or register for the event at the Solano Realist Association website.

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