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## City Streets Get Makeovers

Street improvements will become a more common sight around the city in the coming months and years. The [City of Vallejo](#) is currently repaving portions of Mini Drive, Magazine Street, Rollingwood Drive, Florida Street and Skyline Drive. Work includes repairing the failed areas beneath the asphalt and repaving surface areas, sidewalk improvements and enhanced Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access. The City is funding this project with a combination transportation and transit oriented grants.

Additionally, work will soon commence on the City block in front of the [Empress Theatre](#) to implement the next phase of the downtown streetscape program. This new phase will provide additional pedestrian enhancements including street trees, widened sidewalks, ADA improvements, and new lighting. The project is adjacent to work recently completed on Virginia Street east of Marin Street. Funding has been secured for an additional phase of Downtown streetscape improvements in 2013.



These projects do not include the more than \$1 million of additional street improvements that were approved by the City Council in the first year Measure B budget. The Measure B funded street improvements will commence by November 2012. Measure B is a one cent sales tax with a ten year term approved by Vallejo voters in November 2011.

## Auto Zone Under Construction

Another construction project is underway on Sonoma Boulevard. National retailer [Auto Zone](#) will occupy the building under construction at the intersection of Sonoma Boulevard and Mississippi Street. Construction started earlier this year on the 7,794 square-foot building. The construction is expected to be finished by the end of 2012.

The new Auto Zone project includes a one story building with a variety of design features, parking lot, landscaping and street trees. The property has been underutilized for many years and the new investment is a welcome enhancement to the west Vallejo neighborhood.



The new construction is 10 blocks north of the Casa de Vallejo reconstruction project underway.

## Community Celebrates A Night Out

As part of the 29th Annual "[National Night Out](#)," Vallejo community members celebrated working together with their neighbors to reduce crime. Last Tuesday night, various neighborhoods gathered together with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch camaraderie along with a variety of events such as block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks, contests and visits from local law enforcement partners.



Organized by [Fighting Back Partnership](#), Vallejo's version of National Night Out was a success again this year. The event was another community based effort to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and generate

support for local anti crime programs. National Night Out was another demonstration of the community's grass roots commitment to safe neighborhoods.

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## Life Guards Teach Youngsters and Win First Prize

This summer more than 20 kids are participating in the [Greater Vallejo Recreation District \(GVRD\)](#) Junior Guard program at the Cunningham Aquatic Complex. The two month program features water workout, land workout, life guard training lessons and various games. With the goal of preparing kids for the day they decide to become a life guard and take the certified training courses, the program trains the youngsters to be fit and healthy in addition to developing water skills.

The Junior Guards are learning from the best. Last Sunday Vallejo's life guards took 1st place overall competing with more than 30 teams at the Bay Area Public Pool's annual Lifeguard Games Competition in San Ramon. Led by coach Vicky Burt the Vallejo team demonstrated skill and toughness in the pool. The victory carried on the tradition of Vallejo's exceptional pool talent recently on display in London where former Cunningham Pool regular Natalie Coughlin secured another medal.

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