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## Mare Island Continues to Grow Jobs

[Lennar Mare Island](#), the master developer of Vallejo's former naval shipyard, recently announced that Mare Island has continued to add jobs over the past six months. This marks two years of positive job growth on the island. A bi-annual survey conducted in June found that Mare Island has gained 31 new full-time jobs compared to January of this year, bringing the total number of full-time jobs on the island to 2,072.



The new jobs are the result of new businesses opening on Mare Island and the expansion of the existing businesses. LMI has upgraded vacant space to expedite occupancy, been aggressive with business retention and expansion and made new space available as ongoing

environmental cleanup work is completed.

The lease with [Blu Homes](#) and other new businesses in 2012 have created more than 100 new full-time jobs on the Island. More than 80 businesses call Mare Island home including long time tenants XKT Engineering. Anchor federal office users include the Forest Service, Veterans Administration and Army Reserve. Property owners include [Touro University](#), Alco Iron and Metal, [Earthquake Protection Systems](#) and more than 200 home owners.

## Lake Dalwigk Improvements Encourage More South Vallejo Wildlife

The [Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District](#) is currently installing a new low-flow outlet and modifying channels and wetland areas in Lake Dalwigk. Started in late June, this project will increase the quality and diversity of wildlife habitats as well as enable better access for annual maintenance activities. The project will enhance the South Vallejo environment and provide more birdwatching opportunities for users of [Lake Dalwigk Park](#).

Located adjacent to Curtola Parkway and Lemon Street in South Vallejo, Lake Dalwigk provides storm water storage, flood control and wildlife habitat. The facility serves as a detention basin for the water flowing through storm drains and open channels in the surrounding neighborhoods. Storm water collected in the lake is pumped out to the Mare Island Strait by the pump station at the corner of Stewart Street and Solano Avenue.



A new channel, approximately two feet deep with a varied width of 50 to 150 feet, will be created through the eastern and central portion of the lake to accommodate a mixture of wetland and upland habitat. Additionally, a new low-flow outlet will prevent year-round pooling in the lake, except in designated wildlife habitat areas.

Originally part of the Bay, over time development along Sonoma Boulevard and fill cut the inlet off and created the lake. The lake was expanded in the 1970s to provide flood protection to the community.

## Vallejo Jazz Society Presents the "Jazz Doctor"

The [Vallejo Jazz Society](#) continues to support Vallejo's lively arts and entertainment scene at the [Bay Terrace Theater](#). On Sunday August 5th the theater will host the Yancie Taylor Quintet. Recognized for his unique vibraphone sound and driving percussive style, [Yancie Taylor](#) plays jazz standards so smooth he has come to be known as the "Jazz Doctor." Most recently seen at the Healdsburg Jazz Festival, Yancie has also performed with Pharaoh Sanders and John Handy. The Yancie Taylor Quintet includes Ben Stolorow on piano, James Bailey on saxophone, Ranzell Merritt on drums and Ollie Dudek on bass.

The show will be held this Sunday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bay Terrace Theater, located at 51 Daniels Street at Wilson Avenue. Tickets are \$10 or \$5 for Vallejo Jazz Society members. The Vallejo Jazz Society is a not-for-profit organization committed to promoting jazz music in Vallejo and surrounding communities. It showcases quality jazz through community concerts as well as casual performances in local venues.



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## Vallejo Celebrates Youth

This Saturday August 4th, the [Greater Vallejo Recreation District](#), in partnership with First 5 Solano, Kaiser Permanente and other community partners, will host the 5th Annual Vallejo Celebrates Youth - a one day festival held at [Children's Wonderland Park](#).

The purpose of this event is to celebrate the youth of Vallejo and to provide families and children with resources to support healthy childhoods in the community. To help promote healthy living, the celebration will include a variety of events and activities for children. This day is all about Vallejo's infants through elementary age kids and their parents.

The celebration will take place this Saturday, August 4th from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Children's Wonderland Park, located at 360 Glenn Street. There will be free resources, free food and free fun.

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