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## Habit Burger Coming Soon

**Habit Burger** boasts a delectable taste of char-grilled burgers. Vallejo residents and visitors will soon have the opportunity to test this theory as the restaurant chain plans to open their doors in mid-August with a series of events.

For more than 40 years, the Habit Burger has been using quality fresh ingredients to make irresistible burgers, sandwiches, salads, sides and real ice cream shakes. The restaurant originally hales from Southern California and has several locations in the Bay Area with the closest being in Napa and Walnut Creek.

The permit for renovations was issued mid-May and an estimated value of the project is \$330,000. The location is 118 Plaza Drive and is nestled between Costco, IHOP, and Pep Boys in the former Wendy's. The renovations to the kitchen, dining room and storage units, along with the outside patio, are equal to about 3,300 total square feet. The location is fenced off for safety and construction is progressing.

For more information and food menus, [click here](#).

## North Vallejo Basketball Court Renovated

Nearly 250 people gathered on Monday at the **North Vallejo Park** to celebrate the dedication of a new basketball court. In attendance was Vallejo native and New York Yankee pitcher, C.C. Sabathia.

The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) worked hand-in-hand with Sabathia's foundation, **PitCCh In Foundation**, along with their sister foundation, **Good Tidings**, were instrumental in renovating the outdoor basketball court.

The Demetrius C. Davis Basketball Court at North Vallejo Park, located at 1601 Fairgrounds Drive, was named in honor of Sabathia's late-cousin who passed in December 2012. Davis, also a Vallejo native and two-sport champion at Vallejo High School, was known to love Vallejo and the North Vallejo Park.

Following the dedication of the court, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament was held to raise funds for the Davis family children's college scholarship fund. The grand opening was scheduled to coincide with Sabathia being in town for the New York Yankees versus the Oakland Athletics series.

The newly renovated basketball court features a safer blue and brown surface, NBA backboards, and new lights. The **GVRD** is planning to install the new lights next month pending their delivery. The new lights will operate on a timer allowing the public to play after sunset.



## McIntyre Ranch Featured in International Nature Conference

Vallejo was recently host to a variety of participants from Europe, Canada and the U.S. in an empowering event to get children back in nature to explore, learn and grow.

The **Children Learning with Nature Conference**, was held from May 29 through June 1 at the Clark Kerr Campus at the University of California, Berkeley. Speakers including Claire Warden, Richard Louv, Anders Farstad, Jon Young, Eric Nelson and Paul Roberts.

Vallejo's own **McIntyre Ranch**, an affiliate of the Greater Vallejo Recreation District, was the site for a "Day in Nature" as a part of the conference.

Attendees spent the day engaged in various activities designed to mix nature and education for children, including nature art, observation, mud play, whittling, lashings and structures, storytelling and cooking.

Additionally, McIntyre Ranch hosted a campfire at night and a barbecue dinner cooked by the Vallejo Suburban Kiwanis.



The Children Learning with Nature Conference was hosted by **The ChildPlay Institute** and was run in conjunction with the Living Classrooms Charity in Scotland. For more information or to sign up for next year's conference, please call (707) 557-2215 or visit their website.

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## CMA Hosts Jazz and R&B Concert Fundraiser

The **California Maritime Academy** (CMA) will be hosting a musical fundraiser on July 13.

Funds will be used to finance and host the Dance Theatre of Harlem's trip to perform at Vallejo High School in October.

The "Women in Jazz and R&B" concert will feature "Jazz Queen" Faye Carol, Grammy nominee Miki Howard, Roniece, Tracy Cruz, the Unius Courtney Big Band with Denise Perrier and Emcee Erika Blue.

Vallejo producer Askari Sowonde gathered the women together for the fundraiser.

"There's a long history of women in jazz and to be part of that is wonderful," Carol said. "I've been inspired by so many women and I'm still inspired by so many women. To be in this as long as I have and be considered 'a women of jazz' is a great honor."

The Women of Jazz and R&B Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, July 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the California Maritime Academy, located at 200 Maritime Drive. General admission is \$45 and VIP admission is \$75. For more information, please contact (707) 644-9031.

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