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New Vallejo Ferry Facility to be Built on the Mare Island Waterfront

A new \$22-million ferry maintenance facility for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority ([WETA](#)) Vallejo service is in the pre-construction planning stage. WETA and Mare Island master developer Lennar Mare Island (LMI) recently entered into a lease agreement that will facilitate the project. Construction is scheduled to begin later this year and is set to be built by 2015.

The new Vallejo Ferry Facility will transform historic Building 165, providing space for a more efficient fueling system, allowing 48,000 gallons of diesel fuel storage, eliminating the need for costly daily deliveries. The facility will include maintenance offices, berthing facilities, administration offices, improvements to the waterfront and enhanced public access.

Once the new facility is completed, WETA will offer ferry service from Mare Island to the existing Vallejo Terminal and all of its routes, allowing Mare Island residents, employees and Touro University students to board and depart from the Vallejo Ferry on Mare Island, in addition to the existing terminal adjacent to Downtown Vallejo on Mare Island Way.

The project will include the construction of five berths to facilitate daily operations, maintenance, repairs and future passenger access. [LMI](#) will continue its investment in improvements to the waterfront area by providing improved pedestrian access, installation of benches, lights, waste receptacles and signs. A parking lot designed to accommodate the Ferry's needs and the surrounding businesses will be provided as well.

Funding for the new ferry terminal comes from the State Transportation Improvement Program secured through the Solano Transportation Authority and State Proposition 1B.



New Solar Panels at the Solano Community College Vallejo Campus

Solano Community College is utilizing the sun in an effort to go green and conserve energy. The Vallejo Campus received a \$12.3 million loan of unused funds from the Federal Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECBs) program.

[QECBs](#) were issued by Solano County for solar panels at [Solano Community College](#), including its Vallejo campus.

Solar panel canopies are in the process of being placed over the parking lots and are expected to generate enough electricity to save



approximately \$60,000. The savings will be used to pay back the loan. Construction began earlier this year and is expected to be completed this fall. On June 6, the campus received

permission to operate and is currently generating energy from the sun.

"This is part of our efforts to be more sustainable, as far as energy is concerned, so it's a step in the right direction," said Solano College President Jowel Lagurre. "We currently spend over \$1 million in energy. This is where we can cut."

Verismo Opera Presents La Traviata

The Bay Terrace Theater and the [Mira Theatre Guild](#) are hosting the Verismo Opera's showing of the musical drama La Traviata by Giuseppe Verdi.

Stage directors Frederick Winthrop and Christina Arriola, and conductor Ari Bocian bring together the heart-wrenching drama of La Traviata, a tale of a conflicted courtesan, her devoted lover and his disapproving father.

A time of excess and excitement of living for the moment and flaunting newfound freedoms creates the mood for this love story. Violetta, the beautiful courtesan, dares to break society's rules by allowing herself to love and be loved by Alfredo, a young privileged man from a provincial family, despite his father's objections.



The final show times will be this Saturday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bay Terrace Theater, located at 51 Daniels Avenue. [Tickets](#) are \$16 and \$20. For additional information call (707) 864-5508.

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Vallejo-Free of Graffiti Program Honored at Council Meeting

On Tuesday, May 28, the Vallejo-Free of Graffiti (VFOG) volunteers were recognized for their hard work in graffiti removal throughout Vallejo.

During the City Council meeting, Vice Mayor Gomes presented each volunteer with a Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts in the tedious task of painting over graffiti each month.

Overall, more than 32 people were recognized for their dedication and efforts in eradicating graffiti, beautifying the community and improving the quality of life for Vallejo citizens.

VFOG volunteers gather the third Saturday each month to scour neighborhoods removing graffiti vandalism from buildings, vacant lots and overpasses. Since 2008, the volunteer organization has removed more than 600 graffiti-ridden areas within Vallejo.

The Public Works Department hired a full-time employee to focus on graffiti and administer the program. The position is funded by Measure B, a one percent sales tax measure passed by voters in 2011.

Interested persons should consider becoming a [volunteer](#) with VFOG. All can take part by reporting graffiti on City property by using [SeeClickFix](#) or by reporting code violations of private property to the City of Vallejo [Code Enforcement Division](#).

"The difference between art and graffiti is permission"

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