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## SeeClickFix

The City of Vallejo is now subscribed to the mobile and web-based citizen reporting system called **SeeClickFix**. The program allows residents the opportunity to report non-emergency maintenance issues to the Public Works Department.

Residents can report an issue online or through the SeeClickFix smart phone App, the location of the problem, the issue topic, and answer topic-specific questions, which will assist Public Works Department employees to identify the type of work or equipment needed to fix the problem.

Photos can also be uploaded to document the issue. Reporting is free of charge through the web or mobile app. Common topics include street lights and traffic signal outages, graffiti, illegal dumping, and pot holes.

Each time a citizen reports a problem, they are "subscribed" (through SeeClickFix) to that specific issue and will receive notifications when the **Public Works Department** acknowledges, comments, or closes the issue. Citizens can "follow" any issues reported on SeeClickFix to receive the same updates.

Since May 2013, there have been 230 resident-initiated reports provided from SeeClickFix. On average, it takes 10 days for reports to get resolved; whereas some issues are handled on a case-by-case basis,

including street paving or those that are the responsibility of a different City Department or Organization.



All issues that are reported on SeeClickFix are reviewed by a Public Works Department employee before any action is taken. Staff members are able to review all open, acknowledged, or closed topics.

## Cal Maritime Construction

The **California Maritime Academy** (CMA) is making significant progress on the construction of its new Dining Hall and Rental Space.

The 22,000 square-foot waterfront building will be two stories with a mezzanine level overlooking the Carquinez Strait. Plans were designed by FLAD Architects and construction is being completed by McCarthy Building Companies.

The new Dining Hall will replace the 1950's era Mess Hall. The original design was created to accommodate significantly fewer number of cadets. The total capacity for the first level and mezzanine will seat 450 people. The second level will be able to accommodate 300 people or can be divided into three separate



rooms with retractable walls. The new dining space will double as a rental hall for special events and meetings.

The eco-friendly plans for the building won the Best Practice Award for Higher

Education Energy Efficiency and Sustainability. Funding for the construction was made possible by meal plan fees paid by cadets.

Cal Maritime is located at the southern tip of Vallejo at 200 Maritime Academy Drive. The Dining Hall and Rental Space is expected to be available for use by the start of the fall semester 2013.

## San Francisco Bay Osprey Day

The **Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve** is proud to announce the first ever public event highlighting the San Francisco Bay Osprey Day, which will give the community an opportunity to observe nests, and soaring adult and fledgling Osprey.

The Preserve will feature free events Saturday afternoon, July 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 14 from 8:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Events will include guided car and walking tours. A "citizen science" gathering at the Visitor's Center will be coupled with slide shows featuring images by Eric Dugan and Tim Buckley.

For \$20 per person, participants can take a two-hour morning boat trip along the Mare Island shore aboard Dolphin Charters' *River Dolphin*.

Until recently, Osprey (also called fish hawks) have been described as occasional visitors to the San Francisco Bay by wildlife management agencies, yet the number of nesting pairs have caught the eye of wildlife management agencies.

"We have seen the numbers of nests and chicks grow exponentially in our Preserve. Osprey are using former Navy shipbuilding cranes, now idle and abandoned light poles, and



other structures including the most amazing one of all, a palm tree, upon which to build their nests," said Myrna Haynes, President of the Mare Island Heritage Trust and volunteer Preserve

Manager.

The Mare Island Heritage Preserve is located at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and 167 O'Hara Court on Mare Island and is free to the public, although donations are welcome. The Preserve is normally open 10:00 a.m. to an hour after sunset every Friday through Sunday.

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## CERT Class Fall Session

The **City of Vallejo Fire Department** is now accepting applications for two upcoming Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes that will begin in September.

CERT disaster training is designed as a neighborhood based program, enabling neighborhoods to assess and help themselves until emergency responders arrive.

CERT training involves seven four-hour classes over the course of six weeks for a total of 28 hours. Classes meet on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 10:00 pm, with a final Saturday session from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The class will cover the following:

- Personal and household emergency preparedness
- Fire safety and utility control
- Disaster medical operations
- Light search and rescue
- Safety and situational awareness
- The final Saturday session will include hands-on situational simulation and a written test.

Currently, the Vallejo Fire Department CERT program has trained more than 174 Vallejo residents. The course is funded by a FEMA Grant and Measure B funds, and is free to all residents of Vallejo.

Participants must be at least 18-years-old and each class is limited to 20 students. Classes will be held at the Vallejo Fire Department's Training Center, located at 703 Curtola Parkway.

Individuals who are interested can contact **Fire Prevention**, download the **flyer** from the city's website or email **Shirley Herbert**.

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