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VPD Open House

In an effort to build relationships with residents, the **Vallejo Police Department** (VPD) will host its first Open House for the community at the Police Department on August 17.

Residents of Vallejo will have the opportunity to meet Vallejo police officers, command staff and other personnel and volunteers. Informational booths will be set up and various activities in which all ages may participate.

The Open House will be a great way for the community to learn a little more about members of the VPD and what they do for Vallejo. Guests can participate in several activities, including:



- Meet members of the SWAT team and try on their gear
- Watch K-9 demonstrations
- Explore patrol cars, armored and emergency response vehicles and police motorcycles
- Kids can bring their bikes and ride the cone course and receive a bike helmet (limited number available)
- Get fingerprinted
- Win prizes

The VPD Open House will be held on Saturday, August 17 from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Vallejo Police Department located at 111 Amador Street. The event is sponsored by the VPD and is free. The community is encouraged to join in on the fun.

Temple Art Lofts Grand Opening

Temple Art Lofts construction is complete and residents have moved in. The City and Domus Development hosted a grand opening celebration to commemorate the efforts. Temple Art Lofts is an art-focused community located in the Arts & Entertainment District of downtown Vallejo. All residents are artists or are pursuing artistic interests.

The City of Vallejo and Domus Development welcomed Vallejo residents and businesses to be part of this grand celebration, which included an opening performance from the Rescue Mission Choir, public officials, guest speakers and dignitaries from the



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), along with a ceremonial ribbon cutting and reception.

Federal stimulus funds and tax credits were utilized to assist in the renovations of the historic Masonic Temple. With the assistance from HUD, the Temple Art Lofts leveraged funds with Low Income Housing Tax

Credits, Historic Tax Credits and local investment from the City of Vallejo and Solano County, to complete this signature development.

Residents' art and historic photos from the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum were on display at the reception, and performances by residents will be ongoing in the Performance Hall. In addition, tours of the building's renovations will be ongoing. The Temple Art Lofts is located at 707 Marin Street.

Kaiser Vallejo Earns Top Scores

The **Kaiser Permanente Vallejo Medical Center** recently earned the top score of "A" by the Leapfrog Group in its annual safety report. More than 2,500 hospitals nationwide are examined and graded as part of this reporting.

The **Leapfrog Group**, an independent national nonprofit organization released its **Hospital Safety Scores** after examining publicly available data on patient injuries, medical and medication errors, and infections at U.S. hospitals. Based on this data, the Group then assigns A, B, C, D, or F grades for their safety records. Kaiser Vallejo was one of 18 Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Northern California with an "A" rating.

"Kaiser Permanente is proud to have our hard work and dedication to exceptional health care with high safety standards recognized," said Max Villalobos, Hospital Administrator and CEO for Kaiser Permanente's Napa Solano Area. "This score demonstrates our continued commitment to providing the best care to the people of Solano County."

"Recognition for our outstanding clinical excellence and quality highlights the superiority of Kaiser Permanente's integrated patient care," said Steven Stricker, MD, Physician-in-Chief for Kaiser Permanente Napa Solano. "Earning this score demonstrates what sets Kaiser Permanente apart from other hospitals and is a tribute to the exceptional skill of our physicians and staff."



The Kaiser Permanente Vallejo Medical Center is located at 975 Sereno Drive.

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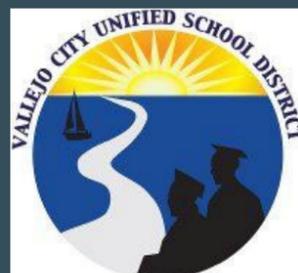
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VCUSD Wall to Wall Academies Initiative

The **Vallejo City Unified School District** (VCUSD) is implementing its new Wall to Wall Academies initiative at all the comprehensive high schools beginning this fall. Each tenth grade student will be enrolled in a high interest college or career academy.

The college and career academies will be led by high school teachers responsible for ensuring students meet A-G requirements (history/social science, English, mathematics, laboratory science, language other than English, visual and performing arts, and college-preparatory electives) for graduation, to enter into a 4-year college or university, and are prepared for entry-level careers.

Both Vallejo and Jesse Bethel High Schools will feature five academies with various interests. Vallejo High will host robotics and engineering, biotechnology, hospitality and tourism, fitness and health, and visual and performing arts. Jesse Bethel will offer multimedia, biomedical, environmental science, human and public service, and international finance.

The Wall to Wall Academies will be a school within a school structure consisting of a cohort group of students and interdisciplinary teachers with an integrated college and career curriculum. Students will be able to secure mentorships, intern and externships, shadow jobs, and ultimately get a head start in the college and career world after graduating from high school.

Through these academies, VCUSD hopes that every student will have a clear and attainable pathway to a career or college, while also being equipped with the academic and life skills necessary to be productive citizens who can positively contribute to society.

For more information about the Wall to Wall Academies Initiative, contact Cassie Gossett in the **Academic Achievement and Accountability office** at (707) 556-8921.

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