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Street Improvements

The City of Vallejo **Public Works department** has a variety of renovation projects throughout the city. Two of the larger projects are the repaving of Admiral Callaghan Lane and improvements to the area surrounding Hogan Middle School.

The Admiral Callaghan Lane pavement improvement project will rehabilitate the street from Columbus Parkway to Turner Parkway and from Rotary Way to Redwood Parkway. The construction includes the removal and replacement of asphalt concrete pavement, raising utility manholes and water valves, upgrading handicap curb ramps to current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, replacing broken sidewalk, reinstallation of traffic detector loops and re-striping new pavement. The paving between Columbus Parkway and Turner Parkway was completed on August 6. Paving between Rotary Way and Redwood Parkway is anticipated to be completed in the near future. The project is funded by Measure B.

The Hogan Middle School improvement project includes installation of ADA curb ramps, thermoplastic ladder style crosswalks, and new school signage. Additional installation of pedestrian countdown heads at the traffic signals located at the Georgia Street and Oakwood Avenue and Springs Road and Oakwood Avenue intersections and a solar powered blinker sign at the Georgia Street and Rosewood Avenue and the Oakwood and Westwood Street intersections.

When complete, the improvements on this project will provide better access to the school and safer access for pedestrian and bicyclist. This project is funded through a State "Safe Route to School" grant.



Solano Express Intercity Campaign

In an effort to increase ridership and awareness, the **Solano Transportation Authority** (STA) will be launching a new Solano Express Intercity Campaign for riders who wish to travel outside their city and county with ease.

During the 2012 **Solano Express** Intercity Ridership Study, the STA found that the need for the Intercity service was great, but awareness was poor. While SolTrans provides local routes through Vallejo and Benicia, and FAST provides local routes through Fairfield and Suisun, Solano Express maintains the routes to take riders from Vallejo, Fairfield and other Solano County cities to Sacramento, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill and more.

The campaign will include new decals for bus stop signs with schedule details, advertisements online, on the radio, in the newspaper, and on the bus tails (back of the bus). Additionally, Solano Express will revamp its website, and update maps and brochures that indicate bus services.

The STA will be sending postcards with promotional codes for free bus passes and other incentives for new riders to join the positive alternative to driving alone. Whether it be a student, a shopper, a patient on the way to an appointment, or simply a dependent bus rider, Solano Express has a cost-effective, convenient route for everyone.



For additional information about STA services or to see the Solano Express schedules, [click here](#).

JFK Library Reopening

The **John F. Kennedy Library** has been undergoing major renovations. In celebration of these renovations, the JFK Library will be hosting a Grand Reopening ribbon cutting ceremony on September 10.

As part of the renovations, all library services will be available on one floor. Children's materials have been relocated so they can be closer to their parents. A new space has been dedicated to children's learning and the computer center refurbished with new desks. The second floor of the library has received new restrooms including two family restrooms.

New to the JFK Library will be the **Friends of the Library bookstore**, where donations and other materials that the library is no longer using will be available for purchase. Prior to the renovations, the Friends of the Library nonprofit organization hosted a book sale once per year. Now with their new space, sales will be ongoing. All funds raised



through book sales will benefit the children's programs.

The JFK Library Grand Reopening ribbon cutting celebration will be held on Tuesday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of the library. Guest speakers will include the County Supervisor and County Administrator and others who were instrumental in the renovation process.

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Leadership Vallejo

Leadership Vallejo is currently seeking Vallejo residents and persons employed throughout Vallejo to enroll in the 2013-2014 class.

Leadership Vallejo is a **year-long course** that instructs registrants how to enhance leadership qualities, skill development, and ways to expand networks and create new connections.

Classes meet on the third Friday of each month for a unique session. During each meeting, students will learn ways in which they can help develop Vallejo and get involved in the various facets of the community.

Leadership Vallejo is a traditional, academic-style year consisting of nine courses in which enrollees study the areas of:

- Leadership
- Local history and government
- Health and human services
- Economic development
- Transportation and tourism
- Community arts
- Education
- Local environment

Class members will have the opportunity to tour California Maritime Academy, Touro University California, the Downtown Arts and Entertainment District, have a mock City Council session, complete a class civic project and more.

Leadership Vallejo aims to educate and train individuals interested in Vallejo to become the future leaders of the community. Participants are asked to come ready to work and be enthusiastic for the Year 7 program and must register by September 1.

For additional information and to enroll, visit the Leadership Vallejo website or call Program Coordinator Lisa Gannon at (707) 738-6964.

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