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Sister City Presidential Visit

History was made on Tuesday, September 17, as the City of Vallejo hosted President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete of the Republic of Tanzania. Mayor Osby Davis invited President Kikwete to commemorate the twenty-year Sister City anniversary.

The city of **Bagamoyo**, **Tanzania** has been a Sister City to Vallejo, established in 1993 by the Vallejo Sister Cities Association. Though interaction with Bagamoyo has been minimal in comparison to Vallejo's other sister cities, the desire to grow Vallejo and Bagamoyo's relationship was made very clear by President Kikwete and other guest speakers.

"We have to reaffirm that this cooperation is needed," Kikwete said. "It has been dozing for some time, now we have to reawaken it. I am seeing a lot of prospects in this relationship."

Speakers from the Vallejo Black Chamber of Commerce and the Tanzanian Chamber of Commerce presented information about potential business, commerce and trade opportunities for Vallejo in Bagamoyo. Representatives from the Vallejo Sister City Association also spoke on



the importance of the relationship between the two cities.

President Kikwete was offered a number of gifts of appreciation, ranging from an American eagle statue to Mayor Davis' signature fedora hat. President Kikwete reciprocated with a carved wooden statue, which he called "Umoja," meaning

unity in Swahili, as a commitment to strengthen the relationship between the sister cities. The statue features people holding other people up.A representation that "when we work together, we can move mountains," said President Kikwete.

"All in all, I want to see the relations between Bagamoyo and Vallejo develop farther because there is a lot I see that Vallejo can do," Kikwete said.

The Vallejo Sister City Association will host a "next steps" meeting for Bagamoyo on Sunday, October 6, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the John F. Kennedy Library Sister City Room. The Vallejo Sister City Association will also be hosting its annual International Dinner and Auction fundraiser on Saturday, September 28, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the USA World Classics Event Center, located at 1525 Sonoma Boulevard. For more information about the event click here.

Mare Island Causeway Bridge Western Approach Remodel The Mare Island Causeway Bridge was built in 1934 as a timber

bridge. In 2010, Caltrans inspected the bridge and flagged it as "structurally deficient." The City of Vallejo immediately created temporary supports for the bridge and continued the process of replacing the bridge. By replacing the timber with concrete, the Mare Island Causeway Bridge will meet current bridge standards and be safer in the event of seismic activity.

funded through two sources, the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program covering the majority of the cost and the City of Vallejo covering 11.47%. City representatives reached out to the community for feedback in

The bridge replacement, estimated to cost \$3.8 million, will be

late 2012, regarding the construction schedule. At that time, it was determined that residents and businesses preferred a lengthened schedule to minimize the number of full-bridge closures. On September 17, City of Vallejo staff and a design team met again with Mare Island businesses, residents and other interested citizens, regarding the planned repair. The first stage of construction is scheduled to begin in July 2014 and

enter Mare Island over the Causeway, with the only exit route being via Highway 37. It is anticipated that the bridge will be closed for approximately 8 days in August so the construction crew can pile drive the main supports into the soil beneath the bridge and a second day in October so that concrete can be laid on the top portion of the bridge. Additional information is accessible by contacting Srinivas Muktevi City of Vallejo Associate Civil Engineer.

last through December. During this period, only one-way traffic may



The Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District is looking for volunteers to help with the 29th Annual California Coastal Cleanup

Day this Saturday. Every year, thousands of volunteers across the state come together for this community-building event to clean up local shorelines, rivers,

creeks, lakes and inland waterways. Last year, 940 volunteers picked up more than 67,000 pounds of trash and recyclables. More than a dozen locations throughout Vallejo will be available this

year for volunteers to clean trash and debris from creeks, lakes, marshes and the shoreline.

The cleanup will be on Saturday, September 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and all cleanup supplies will be provided. Volunteers

should wear

sunscreen, sturdy shoes, a hat and work gloves. After check-in, volunteers will be given trash bags, latex gloves and a data card to tally collected

items. Any volunteers under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian before participating. Registration is encouraged by calling 55-EARTH or emailing info@ValcoreRecycling.org. Those wishing to volunteer who have

not registered, are encouraged to show up Saturday morning at 42

Harbor Way to be assigned a location.

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The 15th session of the Vallejo Police Department's (VPD) Citizen's Academy began on August 7, with 24 participants enrolled in the session.

Anyone who wishes to serve as a volunteer with the department must first complete the Citizen's

The purpose of the academy is to give citizens a general overview of law enforcement with a specific focus on the people and services of the VPD. The topics covered in the academy are:

- Organizational structure
- DUI enforcement
- Criminal law
- Justice system
- Police training Field training
- Patrol operations
- Special operations
- Narcotics Use of force
- Gangs Investigations
- Traffic Enforcement Internal affairs

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The Academy is 12 weeks long, with a three-hour session once a week and finish with a full eight hour

day on Saturday, October Approximately 14 different instructors from all ranks and assignments within the department teach the

classes. Several volunteers and other support personnel who assist in the various exercises and demonstrations also include SWAT and K9.

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