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Art in City Hall

The **Vallejo Community Arts Foundation** (VCAF) Children's Art Camp have displayed through City Hall the photos taken by local children over this past summer.

Photography instructor Brian O'Reilly challenged campers, ages 6 to 13, to view a new world through the camera lens. The result was a 110-piece children's photography exhibit, "Young at Art," which is now on display on the three bottom floors of Vallejo City Hall.

The art has been on display since September 19. The VCAF will host a Reception for Youth Art in City Hall, as part of the Downtown Arts and Entertainment District Program. The Downtown Arts and Entertainment Advisory Council have invited the young artists to the reception to thank and honor the children.

The reception will take place on Wednesday, October 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall lobby on the 2nd floor. Guests will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite art piece, buy a photograph or make a donation to keep the VCAF summer art camp alive. A majority of campers were able to attend this past summer through scholarships provided by VCAF, private donors and sponsors.

Everyone is encouraged to come and support the community's young artists by greeting them during the event. Light refreshments will be served.



Jesse Bethel High School Law Academy

The Law Academy, new to Jesse Bethel High School (JBHS), is a three-year (Sophomore, Junior and Senior) program for students interested in exploring career options within the law or in law-related professions.

The goal for the Law Academy class is to prepare students for successful life-long achievement and public leadership so that they can become agents of change through an emphasis in law and the legal professions. Students in the Law Academy indicate an interest in career exploration within the diverse fields of law and the legal professions and must commit to a three-year Law Academy program.

Students in the Law Academy will study law, science, math, English, history and speech communication, as well as conduct simulations of trials, mediation, forensic science and complete a senior project, in preparation for a career as follows:



- Attorneys
- Legal Support Professionals
- Litigation Support Professionals
- Litigation Consultants and Expert Witnesses
- Judges
- Court Support Staff
- Criminal Justice Social Services Professionals
- Professions in Politics
- Non-profit Administrators
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Practitioners
- Compliance Officers
- Analysts and Examiners
- Educators
- Career Services Professionals
- Law Publishing Professionals

Within the three years, sophomores will have established their interest in law with a clear study routine, learn to code switch and earn a 3.0 grade point average; juniors will have demonstrated academic success by choosing a difficult high school course of study and participating in community mentor opportunities; and seniors culminate their studies with completion of an internship related to college or career, creating law-related networks and finishing strong by graduating from the program and from high school.

Vallejo Community Center Renovations

The **Greater Vallejo Recreation District** (GVRD) has recently completed improvements to the Vallejo Community Center, giving the building a facelift to its exterior.

The improvements included new landscaping, repainting the exterior walls, adding awnings, new outside table and chairs and a beautiful new tree. Additional work included roofing repairs, improved Americans with Disability Act access and various window replacements.

The total value of the improvements was \$70,000 and funded through Measure K. GVRD performed all the upgrades except the painting, which was completed by Fix Painting.

The Vallejo Community Center is located at 225 Amador Street and has been a site for public gatherings and social events for more than 50 years. The center has a large auditorium with a spacious stage, a foyer with a fireplace, a kitchen with a stove and refrigerator, and two meeting rooms ranging from 25 seating capacity to 350 banquet style occupancy.

For additional information about the Vallejo Community Center, contact (707) 648-4640 or visit GVRD's [webpage](#).



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Mira Mocktoberfest Fundraiser

The Bay Terrace Theater, in partnership with Mira Theater Guild and TJ Walkup Presents, is proud to announce **"Mocktoberfest,"** the first Punk and Edge Arts festival in Northern California on October 19, 25, 26 and 27.

Mocktoberfest is a four-day fundraising benefiting Vallejo's Youth through music education. The event begins on October 19 with an Opening Day Reception and Art Show Opening, "The Spirit of Punk, from Then to Now," which displays local artist's work, images from the local cyberpunk movement and a display of original punk band set lists from a local private collection.

There will be a showing of the film "Anarchism in America," a 1983 documentary that discusses how anarchists ideals align with the revolutionary, independent spirit of America from rural communities to urban zones. The following weekend, the festivities continue with a viewing of "Afro-punk," a film that re-examines the cultural misconceptions about the punk genre.

All four days of Mocktoberfest include prizes for best zombie costume and Zine library exchange, and various live performances by nSLASHa, Klank, Atomic Machines, King Loses Crown, Shananagens, Armed for the Apocalypse and more.

Admission is \$10 each night or \$30 for a four-day pass. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. on October 19, 25, and 27, and 6:30 p.m. on October 26, and goes until 10:00 p.m. The event is for all ages at the Bay Terrace Theater, located at 51 Daniels Avenue.

In addition to the event activities, children are encouraged to enter a contest to win a musical instrument of their choice and professional lessons to learn the style of their choosing. The contest is open until December 31, 2013.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase to win a guitar made by Schroom Custom Guitar Works. The winner will be announced on October 27 and entrees must be present to win.

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