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## Virginia Street Re-opening Celebrations

The City of Vallejo Public Works Department has worked diligently to address the rejuvenation of Vallejo's downtown area and is excited to celebrate the completion of the [Virginia Street improvements](#).

Rehabilitation of the area included; street and sidewalks paving, and removal and replacement of the curb, gutters and storm drains. New aesthetics include street furniture, signage, decorative paving, street lighting and planters. Additionally, the street was narrowed to allow pedestrians better accessibility of crosswalks.

Funding for these renovations came from the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program, state grants and Proposition 42.

During the ribbon cutting celebration, guest speakers will include Public Works Director David Kleinschmidt, Vacaville Mayor and Chair of the Solano Transportation Authority Steve Hardy, and Mayor Osby Davis.

A celebration will commence with food and beverage provided by caterers who were directly impacted by the renovations, including; Alex's Catering, Gracie's BBQ, and China Wok. Following the celebration, the Empress Theatre will host their Wednesday Night Ramble with the North Bay All Stars, featuring special guest Lady Bianca, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The celebration is scheduled on Wednesday, August 7 at 4:00 p.m.



## Touro Library Construction

[Touro University California](#) recently completed a makeover of their library. The remodel encompassed the building in its entirety, including the demolition of a kitchen, walk-in freezers and ice boxes, study rooms and a small combination classroom-computer lab.

The renovations resulted in three multi-purpose classrooms which hold up to 34 students, a dispensing lab, a clean room, 13 study rooms, office spaces for the librarians, new carpeting, and 34 new floor outlets to support students with uninterrupted use of electronics.

Also included in the renovations were the addition of six new offices for the Information Technology department, an IT workshop with static-free floors with static-free workbenches, a new server area with an emergency diesel generator for back-up power and an archive storage area with a water-free fire suppression system and climate control.

Touro now has state-of-the-art classrooms that can be configured to meet a variety of needs with power for personal electronics and the most up-to-date Audio Visual systems to provide students with the best learning environment. Touro University is located at 1310 Club Drive on Mare Island.



## Stuff the Bus Campaign

The [Solano County Office of Education](#) is sponsoring their annual "Stuff the Bus" campaign. The program ensures foster and homeless youth have the supplies needed for success during the school year. Vallejo residents can purchase and donate the following requested items:

Donate these NEW items to help foster and homeless youth go back to school with a smile!					
Backpacks	Notebooks	Erasers	Pencil Pouches	Antibacterial Gel	
Crayons	Pencils	Color Pencils	Folders	Scissors	
Markers	Pens	Sharpener	Dividers	Binders	
Glue	Tape	Calculators	Highlighters	Bus Passes	
Paper	Glue sticks	Rulers	Flash Cards		

Donations for the campaign will be accepted through Tuesday, August 6. For additional information, please contact [Becky Cruz](#), Program Manager and Educational Liaison for the Solano County Office of Education at (707) 399-4855.

Vallejo donation locations:

- Vallejo Community Center, 225 Amador Street
- Norman C. King South Vallejo Community Center, 545 Magazine Street
- Any Travis Credit Union branch in Solano County

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## A Call to Change Vallejo

[Vallejo Outreach](#) will be hosting its 3rd Annual "A Call to Change Vallejo" event this Saturday at the Omega Boys and Girls Club for a fun filled day of service.

In partnership with [Rebuilding Together Solano County](#), Vallejo Outreach will host a children's carnival, complete with games, a backpack giveaway, lunch, free groceries and service work around the club.

Several health and social-service agencies will have informational booths regarding their organizations.

Additionally, there will be a free basketball clinic and a 3-on-3 tournament for 6th to 8th graders at Solano Middle School, located at 1025 Corcoran Avenue, just up the block from the carnival. The clinic and tournament will be limited to the first 100 middle school students in attendance.

Rebuilding Together volunteers will coordinate exterior rehabilitation of the Boys and Girls Club, including building a new outdoor patio and making upgrades to the kitchen.

The proposed commercial kitchen will provide the Club with an opportunity to teach youth participants about food preparation and will be large enough to host events.

The 2013 Vallejo Outreach event will take place at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 3 at the Omega Boys and Girls Club, located at 1 Positive Place. All activities are free of charge and the event is open to the public.

For additional information, please contact [Elizabeth Hoffman](#) of Rebuilding Together Solano County, [Scott Peterson](#) of Vallejo Outreach or [Wendy Jones](#) of the Omega Boys and Girls Club.

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