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## Vallejo's Halloween Night Activities

**NEW Trunk or Treat** - The **Northgate Annual Trunk or Treat** event is adding a Vallejo location this year with a night full of festivities for the whole family. Trunk or Treat is a fun, safe family



environment where Trunk or Treaters spend the evening going from trunk to trunk, collecting candy from volunteers who have decorated their vehicles to serve as a backdrop for this spooktacular event.

There will be a costume contest for all ages and for all canines! Dress up yourself, your kids and your dogs. Additional activities include live music, food vendors and free carnival games and prizes. Trunk or Treat will be at the Lowe's parking lot, located at

401 Columbus Parkway, from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

**Nightmare on Glenn Street** - **Greater Vallejo Recreation District** is bringing Halloween fun to Children's Wonderland with the Nightmare of Glenn Street. This free event goes from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with trick or treating at 6:30 p.m.

Guests can play on the playground, run through the haunted hallway, find their way through the hay maze and collect heaps of candy. There will also be a special visit from the Mad Hatter. Come spend the evening in a fun and safe environment at Children's Wonderland park, located at 360 Glenn Street.

**Haunted House of Blackbeard** - For the past six years, the infamous pirate **Blackbeard's** house has popped up somewhere in the Bay Area, and this year it lands in Vallejo. This frightening and fun haunted tour of the pirate's home gives visitors a chance to meet Blackbeard, his ol' mum and his countless brides.

With more than three times the space than last year, the horrifying pirate haunted house is sure to thrill. The Haunted House has tours from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. General Admission is \$15 or \$6 for children under 6 and seniors over 60. The Haunted House of Blackbeard is located at 1000 Marin Street. Purchase tickets ahead of time [here](#).

**Scare Island** - The **Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve** will be hosting the 3rd Annual "Scare Island Haunted Trails and Tales," which starts at the Visitors Center on the main paved trail and goes to the Bunkers Trail and Cemetery. Spots along the trail are decorated for Halloween with two small arms bunkers converted into scary dungeons.



The Spookiest experience will be the 40-50 foot walk from the main trail to inside the bunkers along narrow hallways. After the walk, guests are invited back to the Visitors Center for ghost stories, s'mores and hot cocoa or apple cider. The event is from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is \$5 for adults, children under 14 are free. The Preserve is located at 167 O'Hara Court at the southern end of Railroad Avenue.

## CMA's Dining Center/Rental Space

The **California Maritime Academy** celebrated its ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Dining Center and Rental Space October 24.

The new Dining Center replaces the previous dining hall originally constructed in the 1950s which was only designed to hold 130 students. With more than 900 students registered, the new dining facility offers seats for 400 cadets at mealtime and 272 people for banquets. The \$17 million project was funded by fees paid by cadets on their meal plans.



The three-story Dining Center is 26,000 square-foot and offers two stories for dining purposes and a mezzanine level that can be divided into three

separate rooms as needed. The facility's design won the Best Practice Award for Higher Education Energy Efficiency and Sustainability with its innovative design.

"Cal Maritime's sparkling new Dining Center represents a tremendous quality-of-life improvement for our cadets," Said Kurt Lohide, Vice President of Administration and Finance. "They demonstrated great foresight and resolve in agreeing to fund the new building through their dining fees. As a result of their efforts, we have a great facility which will provide superior food services to CMA cadets far into the future."

For additional information or request to rent conference space, call (707) 654-1039 or [click here](#).



## Vallejo Jazz Society

Women have played a role in jazz music since the beginning, but have not always been given their dues. In an effort to highlight the achievements of these musical contributions, the **Vallejo Jazz Society** is proud to highlight female jazz artists in its upcoming show "Women in Jazz."

Famed saxophonist and bandleader Mad Duran was asked to put together an all-star quartet comprised of top women jazz players. The special show will be composed of fellow Bay Area musicians Tammy Hall on the keyboard, Ruth Davies on bass and Elizabeth Goodfellow on drums.

The "Women in Jazz" show will be on Sunday, November 10 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bay Terrace Theater, located at 51 Daniels Avenue. Tickets are \$10 or \$5 for Vallejo Jazz Society members and may be purchased at the door or [online](#).



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## Kaiser Vallejo Ranks Top for Medicare and Patient Care

Kaiser Permanente has recently received an overall rating of 5 stars for parts C and D, the highest rating possible from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Throughout the **Medicare Star Quality Rating System**, CMS assigns scores of 1 to 5 stars to Medicare plans based on more than 50 care and service quality measures across nine categories, including: staying healthy, managing chronic conditions, member satisfaction, customer service and pharmacy services.

The new 2014 ratings for the state encompass both Kaiser's Northern and Southern California regions and is the third straight year that Kaiser Permanente has been rated the only 5-star Medicare plan in California.

In addition to receiving high quality service and satisfaction for Medicare services, Kaiser Vallejo has once again received the top score of "A" by the Leapfrog Group in its annual safety report.

"These top safety scores show that the dedicated and compassionate staff at our Vallejo Medical Center are committed to providing high-quality excellent care to every one of our patients," said Max Villalobos, senior vice president for Kaiser Permanente in the Solano and Napa area. "This recognition is an honor and as we move forward with growing services, like trauma, such high safety scores show we are making the right choices for our patients."

The Leapfrog Group released its **Hospital Safety Scores** after examining publicly available data on patient injuries, medical and medication errors and infections at U.S. hospitals, which were then assigned A, B, C, D or F grades for their safety records.

"We have world-class physicians, compassionate staff and an integrated approach to patient care that really allows us to put the focus on caring for our patients," said Dr. Steven Stricker, physician in chief for Kaiser Permanente's Napa Solano area. "These high scores validate that we are putting our patients first."

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