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VPD Volunteer Hours

The **Vallejo Police Department** (VPD) has a number of dedicated volunteers that spend their time assisting the Department and Officers. During 2013, the VPD volunteers logged approximately 7,730 hours of volunteer work. They worked on everything from camera monitoring to assisting in DUI checkpoints.

Below is a breakdown of the functions performed by the volunteers and an approximate number of dedicated hours:

Function	Hours
Emergency Call-outs	68
Robbery Report Statistics	83
Traffic Data	85
Citation Entry	140
Camera Monitoring	141
Burglar Alarm Appeals/Testing	190
Citizen's Academy	232
Mail Run	255
Pawn Slips	280
Meetings	298
Assisting in Evidence Room	344
Assisting in DUI checkpoints	395
Non-Emergency Phones	601
Administrative Duties	634
Car Washing	652
Special Projects	949
Citizen Patrols	999
Sex Offender Registration	1,292

Emergency call-outs are used for Traffic Control and Perimeter Control at major incidents and assisting in missing person searches.

Special projects include:

- Citizen on Patrol
- Volunteer Training
- Child fingerprinting
- Assisting officers at gun buy-back programs
- Police Activities League Golf Tournament
- Assisting in Professional Standards Division
- VPD Open House
- Role playing at SWAT training scenarios

Those who wish to volunteer with the VPD must first attend the **Citizen's Police Academy**. For additional information, visit the City's website. Thank you to all the VPD volunteers for all the hard work and time spent bettering Vallejo and the community!

Guardians of Youth Gala

The **Continental's of Omega Boys and Girls Club** is celebrating the launching of its 48th year with its Guardians of Youth Gala, honoring those who have been made such an impact on the club. This year's Gala has been dubbed "A Night at the Oscars."

The program will honor this year's Philmore Graham Humanitarian and JaMella Nelson Graham Academic Excellence Award Winners, Edison Kelly and Dr. Ramona Bishop. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails, appetizers, live music and networking with other community leaders and supporters. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. catered by Alex's Catering of Vallejo. The evening will close with dancing to the tunes of the live band, The Mavericks.

Tickets are \$100 per person; sponsored tables of 8 begin at \$1,000 and go up to \$10,000 per table dependent upon selected



sponsorship package. A live auction will include autographed sports memorabilia and a special walk-on movie roll. Those who wish to donate items for the auction can fill out a **form** by this Friday, January 17.

The Guardians of Youth Gala will take place on Friday, January 24 at the Dan Foley Cultural Center, located at 1499 North Camino Alto. For additional information or to purchase a ticket over the phone, contact Wendy Jones at 707-643-1728.

Vallejo Comedy at the Empress and Fetterly

The **Empress Theatre** is beginning a comedy series this year, with the opening show featuring Andrew Norelli and Tim Lee this Friday.

Andrew's natural charisma and sharp material has charmed audiences from the Bay Area to comedy festivals around the world.

Andrew has shared his gift on the Late Show with David Letterman, Jimmy Kimmel live, The Byron Allen Show, Live at Gotham on Comedy Central and The Late Late show with Craig Ferguson.

Tim Lee is a nationally-touring comedian and an underground sensation, with more than four million combined views on his wildly popular YouTube videos and sold-out shows from New York to Seattle to Hollywood.

"Comedy at the Empress" will begin this Friday, January 17 at 8:00 p.m. at the Empress Theatre, located at 330 Virginia Street. **Tickets** are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door. For additional information, visit the Empress website or call 707-552-2400.

The Comedy Circuit will be featuring Dan Gabriel at the Fetterly Playhouse on Saturday, January 25, part of **Vallejo Comedy**. Dan



Gabriel has been seen on Comedy Central's Premium Blend, The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson, and was winner of the L.A. Takeout Comedy Competition. He has opened for comedy legends like Dave Chappelle, Mitch Hedberg and George Lopez, and has since worked his way from opening act to nationally touring headliner.

Tickets for the Comedy Circuit are \$15 or \$10 with student discount, and can be found **online here** or

by calling 707-290-6995. The Fetterly Playhouse is located at 3467 Sonoma Boulevard in between Rent-A-Center and A-1 Photo.

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100+ Trees Jesse Bethel Art Reception

When Vallejo was founded, it was said to be originally comprised of hills covered only in grass with not a tree in sight. Vallejo's once barren hills have since been graced with many historic trees such as locusts, elms and magnolias shipped from the East Coast, as well as trees from New Zealand, Australia, Central and South America.

After learning about the lack of information available to students, the **Solano Advocates Green Environments** (SAGE), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Services, has developed programs to introduce students to their natural world. SAGE provided the art students of Jesse Bethel High School with information and the opportunity to experience their community forest by touching it, building it, and understanding it.

Each student was given a folder with their name, the name of a tree and the tree's location, and tasked with drawing a portrait of the tree. Each portrait was created through the eye of the beholder; in the form of a leaf, flower, fruit, nut or cone, using whatever medium they chose.

Trees were selected for this project based on location so they would be publicly accessible to each student. The result has been described as beautiful artistry, showcased in "100+ Trees of South Solano County's Urban Forest."

There will be an opening reception on January 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Forest Service Headquarters, located at 1323 Club Drive on Mare Island. Guests can meet the artists, view the drawings, learn about the featured trees and appreciate the diversity of Vallejo's urban forest. For additional information, contact SAGE at 707-649-0996.

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