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Operation Safe Net

The **Vallejo Police Department** (VPD) launched Operation Safe Net on January 2 to increase safety for residents. The goal behind Operation Safe Net is to reduce the surge of violent crime and criminal activity throughout the city and reduce the fear of crime.

The special operation consists of at least five officers, a supervisor and the Solano County Sheriff Department, when available, who patrol the known problem areas during various hours and days in marked patrol cars and full uniforms. Operation Safe Net patrolling will vary.

Operation Safe Net is a great opportunity for VPD to be proactive rather than reactive. The VPD is requesting assistance from the community, who can submit tips and/or problem areas they would like addressed. Residents can email Operation Safe Net at SafeNet@ci.vallejo.ca.us. Citizens can also provide information anonymously to the Solano Crime Stoppers tip line at 707-644-STOP (7867).



Downtown Art Walk

The Downtown Arts and Entertainment District will be hosting its first **Art Walk**, to be held every second Friday of the month (indefinitely). The launching will coincide with Valentine's Day this Friday, February 14.

The Vallejo Art Walk will begin at 5:00 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to admire a variety of art, indulge in flavorful foods, relax and unwind to the rhythmic tunes of musicians, and more on the streets of downtown. DJs will be spinning, galleries open for viewing, and businesses will be operational.



Design by David, Fire Spinners, The W.O.R.K.S. Gallery, and Momo's Café will have an Art Walk Special.

Virginia Street will feature O'Dell's Hotdogs, and the Empress Theatre's Valentines Comedy Show. Marin Street will see Mcree-Goudeau Gallery, The Fantastical Glowing Vegetables forms of Stan Clarke, Moonfish Gallery, Integri-Tea, Koham Press, Opus in Oils, the Unconventional Garden and more.

Interested in playing? The Art Walk is still seeking artists, food vendors, musicians and others to fill the streets. Those who wish to participate, or for additional information, contact [Sean](#).

Valentine's Day at Empress Theatre

Are you married, divorced, single, dating, or just given up? Looking for a good laugh? The **Empress Theatre** will feature seven comics and their different views on love and romance this Valentine's Day as part of the new Comedy Series at the Empress.

The seven comics will give voice to the trials and tribulations of our quest for love and romance in the modern world, focusing on texting, Facebook, Twitter, Skype, and dating websites as part of the search for someone to connect with. The panel of comics assembled on the historic downtown Vallejo stage are going to have a little fun at Cupid's expense.

Host Jason Love has done stand-up all over America, including the Improv, Laugh Factory, Comedy Store and many more. Love will lead the pack of comics that include Ngaio Bealum, Robin Cee, Tom Davenport, Ben Feldman, Liz Grant and Maggie Newcomb.

It can be a date night, a girl's night out or just an evening of comedy for anyone who has ever felt love, got hurt by love, seeks love or is just trying to understand this thing called love. One thing for sure, if you appreciate the art of comedy, you'll laugh the night away.



The **Valentine's Day Comedy Show** will take place this Friday, February 14, at 8:00 p.m. at the Empress Theatre, located at 330 Virginia Street. Tickets are \$17 in **advance** or \$20 at the door. For additional information, or to purchase tickets over the phone, please call 707-552-2400.

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Watershed Alliance Restoration Planting Day

The **Vallejo Watershed Alliance**, in partnership with the Solano **Resource Conservation District**, is planning two Restoration Planting Days along Blue Rock Springs Creek.

Help plant native oak trees, buckeyes, purple needlegrass plugs, and cut and clear invasive weeds from planting sites from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 22 and March 15.

Access to the event is through Hanns Park, through the parking lot on Skyline Boulevard, just off of Redwood Parkway. Follow the signs along the path to the site.

Volunteers are asked to wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothing, a hat sunscreen and gloves. The Vallejo Watershed Alliance will provide all the needed plants and tools, along with water and refreshments.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome, those under 18 should present a **waiver** signed by a parent or legal guardian. Continuing community support is essential for furthering the progress the Vallejo Watershed Alliance has made along the creek.

The Vallejo Watershed Alliance works with local volunteers on the third Saturday of each month to improve Vallejo's waterways. For additional information, **email** the Alliance or call 707-644-8949, ext. 292.

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