

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report
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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Participatory Budgeting

What are your ideas?

The second cycle of Participatory Budgeting is well underway, with this week marking the halfway point for [Budget Assemblies](#). Residents are encouraged to attend an assembly to learn about the City, the budget, and brainstorm ideas with other residents and stakeholders. The City is also hosting the online forum [Open City Hall](#), to gather [PB ideas](#).

Participatory Budgeting Cycle One Project Implementation Update

Twelve projects were approved for implementation at the culmination of the first Cycle (FY 2012-2013) Participatory Budgeting (PB) process. The City of Vallejo, PB Steering Committee and partnering agencies are working diligently on the implementation of projects. With the addition of new staff, the City has increased capacity to implement the projects approved in the first cycle. Progress continues on each of the twelve approved projects. Some of the highlights include:

- Renovations as the Florence Douglas Senior Center are complete! In December and January, the Public Works Department installed new emergency lighting and exit fixtures, removed the old floor and laid a new floor in the kitchen, installed energy efficient windows, and made repairs to dry rot and sewer drainage.



-  On February 13, the Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) Board approved an agreement for improvements at 12 parks, totaling \$371,500. GVRD is also making an in-kind contribution of approximately \$180,000 in labor, materials and equipment. Pending final review, the agreement should be signed in the coming weeks and will begin shortly thereafter.
- On February 27, City staff and Steering Committee members held an information session for the 10 community garden groups who will receive a total of \$146,500.

The informational session described the process for distributing funds scheduled to begin in mid-March. Funds will be used to purchase materials and provide educational programming for residents and youth across Vallejo.

- The Camera Pilot project is geared toward increased public safety through video, by enhancing the Vallejo Police Department's capabilities to capture visual data in real time. The project will be implemented in a series of phases. As part of the first phase, approximately 15 cameras will be installed at the Ferry Terminal in late March. Planning is underway on the later phases and more information will be provided in future reports. In addition, PB funds enabled the Vallejo Police Department to purchase a Video Management Server that provides a centralized location collecting, storing and analyzing camera footage.

Minimal information is available on the City's [PB Cycle 1 Projects](#) page located on the City's website with in-depth details soon to come. For any implementation related questions, contact [Alea Gage](#), Administrative Analyst I at (707) 648-4041.

Future Agenda Items List

The Future's List is used exclusively by City staff as a draft working document for planning and tentative scheduling of agenda related items and does not represent any final dates for placement and presentation to the legislative body (City Council, Housing Authority and/or Successor Agency). The list provided is an abbreviated version including only the most significant policy and action items. The list is subject to change by staff and may not represent all items that eventually will appear on any given final meeting agenda. Follow this link to view the [Future's List](#).

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Abatements

The Neighborhood Law Program (NLP) Attorneys added a property to their Watch List:

- 1350 Delwood Street

NLP Attorneys notified the owners about nuisance activities occurring on their property at the following properties. Those nuisances are being addressed by the owners. NLP Attorneys will continue to monitor as the owner(s) complete the abatement:

- 401 Phelan Street
- 1521 Valle Vista Street
- 474-476 Sonoma Boulevard
- 272 Foulkstone Way
- 124 Lytham Street
- 236 Carolina Street
- 111 Olson Street

Nuisance Abatements

718 Starfish Drive – NLP Attorneys worked with the new owner of this property, and encouraged them to take action to remove unwanted occupants. The occupants had

been engaging in nuisance behavior at the property. NLP Attorneys will continue to work with the owners regarding the maintenance of this property going forward.

Receivership Program

500 Wallace – This property has been abandoned since 2008 and has been a magnet for Code Enforcement violations and criminal activity. NLP Attorneys filed a receivership lawsuit on February 25 and a trial to appoint a receiver over this property has been scheduled for March 21.

263 Reynard Lane – The owners of this property filed bankruptcy in 2010 and walked away from the property believing NationStar Mortgage would complete the foreclosure process, but the owners have remained on the title. The property has been left vacant, and therefore a harbor for criminal activity and Code Enforcement violations. NLP Attorneys contacted the owner’s bankruptcy attorney who is willing to submit to receivership and served a notice of hearing on the mortgage holders NationStar Mortgage and PMC Bancorp to initiate receivership litigation. NLP Attorneys are now working on the receivership petition, and hope to have it filed in the Solano Superior Court by March 10.

318-320 Kentucky Street – In 2013, this property was a source of significant criminal activity, Code Enforcement and health and safety violations, which included leaking sewage onto neighboring properties. The owner of this property filed bankruptcy in 2009, and assumed Bank of America would foreclose and take responsibility for the property. However, Bank of America never foreclosed. NLP Attorneys, working with the Vallejo Police Department, the Code Enforcement and Building Divisions, and Fire Prevention, executed a warrant to clear the property, and encouraged Bank of America to install a state of the art metal board up system, which has since stopped the nuisance activity.

Unfortunately, Bank of America transferred their mortgage to Green Tree Servicing LLC, which removed the boards, leaving the property vacant and unsecured. Without anyone watching the property nuisance activities are resurfacing. In response to these activities NLP Attorneys have completed the initial steps toward receivership litigation, which include providing a notice of hearing to the owner and Green Tree Servicing. NLP Attorneys are now working on the receivership lawsuit and hope to have it filed in the Solano Superior Court by March 10.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Division

Vallejo Planning Initiatives Project

Please join the Economic Development Department at an upcoming workshop for the [Vallejo Planning Initiatives Project](#), a three-year effort to update the City’s General Plan and Zoning Code, and to create a Sonoma Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan.

The Department needs your input to establish the vision and values that will shape Vallejo's future. These "Guiding Principles," which will describe the community that Vallejoans want, will serve as the compass to guide all of the Planning Initiatives. Along with the public workshops, an online forum will be offered via Open City Hall, and other outreach activities for youth, seniors, and community groups, in order to grasp the full spectrum of voices in Vallejo and a better understand of the community's values.

To learn more about the project and the upcoming public workshops, residents are encouraged to visit the Vallejo Planning Initiatives [project website](#), or contact [Mark Hoffheimer](#), Senior Planner, at (707) 645-2610.

Wednesday, March 5
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Glen Cove Elementary
501 Glen Cove Parkway

Saturday, March 15
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Loma Vista Elementary
146 Rainier Avenue

Wednesday, March 12
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Elks Lodge
2850 Redwood Parkway

Wednesday, March 19
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Florence Douglas Senior Center
333 Amador Street



Statistics

During the period of February 10 through February 21, the following inquiries were processed:

Business License Sign-offs	35
Zoning Questions	29
General Property Inquiries	28
Planning Application Questions	18
Building Permit Application/Sign-offs	15
Code Enforcement Complaints	8
Miscellaneous Requests	6

In addition, the Division sent out two public notices to approximately 241 property owners/organizations announcing upcoming meetings and proposed decisions on Planning permits.

Future Planning Items for Consideration

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Planning Commission	Agenda Item
March 3, 2014	Training – Findings and Conditions Planned Development for self-storage facility/SVIPPP Master Plan (item to be continued)
March 17, 2014	SVIPPP Master Plan Anchor Self Storage Marijuana Ordinance
April 7, 2014	Taqueria El Valle Alcohol Chick-fil-A
April 21, 2014	Code Text Amendment – Parking Requirements for Restaurants Training – PC's role in the General Plan

Vallejo City Council	Agenda Item
March 11, 2014	Home Occupation (3rd Reading)
March 25, 2014	EIR Consultant Contract & Reimbursement Agreement

Building Division

Building Updates

The Building Division has accepted the following permit applications with the plan review underway:

- The newly renovated In-Shape Health Club, located at 124 East Lincoln Road, is open for business. Renovations began June 2013 and Phase I was completed January 27, 2014.
- The Tenant Improvement for Solano Community College's Satellite Auto Tech Training facility, located at 1301 Georgia Street (former home of the Lincoln/Ford Dealership), was issued a temporary Certificate of Occupancy on February 3.
- A temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued to Avery Green's Auto Dealership at 800 Admiral Callaghan Lane for its 3,200 square-foot addition.

During the month of January, the Building Division provided over-the-counter service to 214 customers and issued 271 permits.

PG&E Former Vallejo Manufactured Gas Plant Project Update

During the period of February 10 through February 28, the following work was completed for the PG&E former Vallejo manufactured gas plant investigation project:

- Completed development of all newly installed groundwater monitoring wells
- Collected environmental samples at Big Bay Boat and RV and First Capital Auction properties
- Recorded coordinates of marked utilities and recently completed borings

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Employment Opportunities

The department is pleased to announce the following Employment Opportunities:

Position: Laboratory Analyst I/II

Laboratory Analyst I Salary: \$4,153.47 – \$5,048.58 (monthly)

Laboratory Analyst II Salary: \$4,363.69 – \$5,303.74 (monthly)

Closing date: 02/28/14

Location: Public Works – Water Division, 202 Flemming Hill Road

Position: Fire Chief

Salary: \$13,288.42 – \$16,152.08 (monthly)

Closing date: 03/17/14

Location: Fire Administration, Mare Island

Interested persons may visit the City's website to submit an application [online](#).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Personnel

New Hires

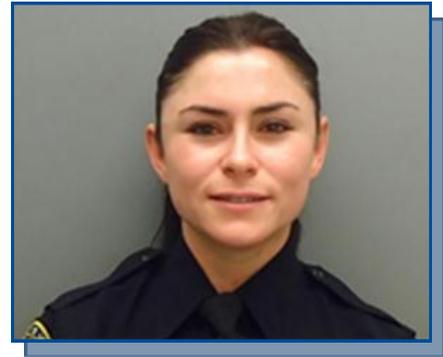
On February 10, Police Chief Joseph Kreins welcomed four new employees to the Vallejo Police Department (VPD) family. The Department is enthusiastic as it continues to fill vacant positions with qualified, educated, and energetic people, all of which will allow it to focus and improve upon customer service, and better serve the needs of Vallejo citizens.



The VPD is currently in the process of hiring in upwards of 24 new officers which will increase sworn staff to the authorized number of 110. In addition, the Department is looking to fill four additional Police Officer positions with the C.O.P.S. grant awarded in September 2013 totaling \$1,066,584.

Officer Dynelle Jones

Officer Jones, Badge #653, was born in Hayward and is currently residing in Napa. Her father was in the U.S. Army, resulting in several relocations during her youth, including Louisiana, Alabama and Hawaii before returning to California, where her family took up residency in Grass Valley. Jones graduated from Bear River High School in 2003. She participated in soccer and cross-country, and received her Associate Degree from Sierra College before attending California State University Sacramento, where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.



After working various jobs, Jones put herself through the Sacramento Police Department Academy, graduating in December 2010, at which time she was hired by the UC Berkeley Police Department. She worked in the Special Duties Unit before being hired by the VPD. Jones is looking forward to working at an agency that is busy, diverse, and team-oriented.

Officer Kenneth Doughty

Officer Doughty, Badge #654, was born in Concord and currently resides in Vallejo. He has lived in various locations in Solano and San Joaquin Counties, and attended public schools in Stockton and Benicia, eventually graduating from Benicia High School in 2000. After graduation, Doughty attended Diablo Valley College and Sonoma State University and is currently working on obtaining his Bachelor's Degree. He attended the Napa Police Academy and was hired by the Napa County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy, and after a brief stay, he was hired by the UC Berkeley Police Department, where he worked until the time of his hire by the VPD.



Doughty is described as having high integrity, reliability, and a passion for his work. When asked why he wanted to continue his law enforcement career in Vallejo, he said because he believes it is a great place to live, work and thrive.

Officer Timothy Nichols

Officer Nichols, Badge #655, was born in San Leandro and currently resides in Rocklin. He began his law enforcement career with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department in 1996, and then moved onto the San Francisco Police Department where he remained until 2005. Nichols had previously served with the VPD, where he held the position of Police Officer from October 2005 through June 2008 and has been employed as



a Police Officer with the City of Elk Grove since that time. He brings a wealth of knowledge and professional experience and is very excited to be back with the department.

Nichols is currently serving in the United States Army Reserve as a CID Special Agent assigned to the 380th MP Detachment in Camp Parks, and has received numerous commendations for honorable and meritorious service. His current rank is Sergeant E-5. Officer Nichols currently holds Basic, Intermediate and Advanced POST certificates, and has logged in over 2,700 hours of POST Certified Training. Officer Nichols has been a Police Officer for 18 years, and has developed a reputation built on a strong work ethic and sincere desire to be a great professional.

Officer Christopher Wright

Officer Wright, Badge #656, was born in Sacramento and currently resides in Roseville with his wife. Wright was previously employed with the West Sacramento Police Department, and served the City of Sacramento as a Police Officer prior. He attended the Union Institute and University where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.



Wright was enlisted in the United States Army and was deployed to Iraq in March of 2004, and June, 2005. While enlisted, he also distinguished himself by being awarded with numerous commendations for honorable and meritorious service. Wright was honorably discharged from active duty in 2006, after having achieved the rank of Sergeant E-5.

Police Clerk Bernadette Meyer

Clerk Meyer was born in San Francisco and currently resides in Napa with her son. Her father was a 30-year veteran with the San Francisco Police Department and her oldest son is currently an Officer with the Pittsburg Police Department. Meyer graduated from San Rafael High School and went on to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics from San Francisco State University. She has worked as a part-time teacher and teacher's-aid, as a Global Sourcing Manager for Levi Strauss & Co., and then joined the family business working at Precision Glass Systems in Napa. She has a strong sense of commitment to public safety, and is described as responsible, positive and dedicated.



Police Clerk Tafianna Sema

Clerk Sema was born in San Francisco and currently resides in Suisun City. After graduating from Armijo High School, he briefly enrolled at the San Francisco Art Academy before transferring to ITT Technical Institute in Rancho Cordova, where he completed

his Associate's Degree in Multimedia. Sema is currently enrolled at Solano Community College and is majoring in Computer Science. Sema has also worked as a full-time Lead Teller at Wells Fargo Bank, Supervisor at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, and has additional experience in the retail industry. He is universally praised for his strong work ethic, maturity and motivation, and he enjoys working with the community and helping others.



Introductions

On February 25, Captain O'Connell had the distinct pleasure of introducing 17 of the Department's newest employees to the City Council and citizens of Vallejo. The VPD is making significant progress toward diversifying itself in the interest of truly representing the community it serves.

The VPD is dedicated to hiring educated, qualified, and energetic public safety professionals, both sworn and non-sworn, who are committed to making Vallejo their home. As the hiring process continues, the offices of Professional Standards, in conjunction with Human Resources, are collaborating to make this a seamless process, and look forward to bringing on new employees who will make the City of Vallejo a great place to live, work and thrive.



Photographed:

Police Officers: Patrick Sean O'Donnell, Stephanie McDonough, Kevin Bergeron, Jessica Woods, Bretton Wagoner, William Carpenter, Mark Galios, Dynelle Jones, Kenneth Dougherty. *Communications Op-*

erators: Ashley Wyatt, Samantha Elliott, Caitlin Russell. *Police Assistant:* Debra Bernstein. *Police Clerks:* Carmen Williams, Bernadette Meyers, Tafiaina Sema, Joni Brown-Vidal

Certificate of Recognition

On January 22, Communications Manager Elisia Ricciardi, Retired Sergeant Kelly Schroeder, Retired Officer Mary Pedretti, and Lieutenant Sid DeJesus, were presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the California Legislature, Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla, for their participation and support for the Children of Vallejo, and for their contribution in supporting "Wonder Girl" Monika Romo on December 19, 2013. When



asked how it felt to be able to escort Monika on her special day, each chalked it up to being one of the most honorable events they had been asked to take part in. Lieutenant DeJesus was quoted as saying; "Being able to spend the day with such an inspirational person as Monika, has made me a better person." Being recognized for their participation is certainly something each can feel very proud of.

Special Project Recognition

Captain Jim O'Connell was designated as the Project Manager for the Department's new Records Management System, in addition to the "In Car Video Program." Captain O'Connell has infused a great sense of excitement and commitment to this massive undertaking.

This project has been in the works for 18-months and has had more complex working parts than originally anticipated. The (near) completion of this project signifies a technology and infrastructure transition for the organization that has placed the VPD back into main-stream policing and created a platform that will serve it well for many years to come.



This program will be the backbone for the new Records Management and Computer Aided Dispatch Systems which will simplify the jobs of both Communication Operators and Police Clerks, providing a more efficient platform for data collection and data analysis. As a result of some very hard work, this new system has created the platform that has allowed the VPD to place the most contemporary technology in its patrol vehicles with:

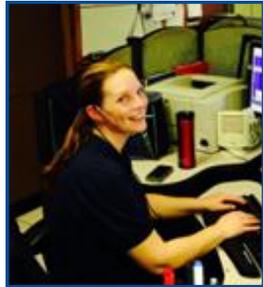
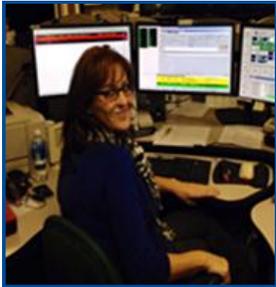
- New mobile data computers
- First-time in-car digital cameras
- An automated vehicle location system to enhance resource efficiency and officer safety
- Automated license plate reader systems to better assist in locating stolen vehicles and wanted subjects
- Mobile in-car fingerprint scanners that will work to immediately identify subjects in the field

Captain O'Connell would like to commend a few of the individuals from the implementation team who have been instrumental in this innovative project:

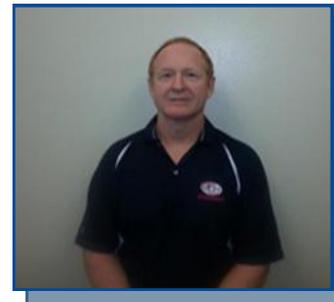
Greg Taylor, Interim Chief Information Officer, has lead the charge of the VPD's new Records Management and Computer Aided Dispatch System through "Sunridge". Taylor has balanced the needs of this project, in addition to that of the City.



Elisia Ricciardi, Communications Manager, along with her team of Communications Operators, **Nicole Yates**, **Suzy Peretto**, and **Kristin Jackson**, have worked tirelessly to get the new Communications Center up and running, while continuing to respond to the immediate needs of the community. The entire Communications team should be commended!



Mike McDuffee, RIMS, Project Specialist, and **Jo Ann Alcantara**, Records Supervisor, have been seen almost everywhere within the confines of the Department to situate users with the RIMS platform. They have pulled together all of the required resources to make this implementation a huge success. McDuffee believes this new system will allow the VPD to move into the 21st Century and focus on the needs of not only residents, businesses, and stakeholders, but the staff who will have the necessary tools to more effectively complete their duties for the City of Vallejo.



Community Services Section

The Community Services Section (CSS), through a series of Neighborhood Watch meetings and directed enforcement operations, were successful in the identification, and eradication of the many problem properties.

Retired Police Officer and current Police Annuitant Mary Pedretti, along with Christina “Tina” Encarnacion, Community Services Specialist, contacted several property owners in association with the Neighborhood Law Program (NLP) and advised each of them the civil sanctions which could be imposed if they failed to responsibly maintain their properties. Each of these properties has been dramatically affecting the quality of life for several of the area residents. Encarnacion assisted each of these property owners by providing them with information on the eviction process, which resulted in the following positive outcomes:

- 777 Tuolumne Street – The neighborhood watch group within this neighborhood reported this as a nuisance business. There was a homicide that occurred at this address which confirmed the suspicious activity. The CSS contacted the property owner and the tenants were evicted.
- 108 Fairview Avenue – This property was brought to the attention of the CSS by a neighbor regarding potential drug activity. With help from the NLP Attorneys, the homeowner was contacted and the tenants were evicted.

- 127 Loma Vista – CSS was contacted by multiple neighbors regarding squatters moving into this property and unwanted activity being brought to their neighborhood. CSS was able to contact the homeowner. With the homeowner’s cooperation the squatters were removed and the property was secured.
- 32 Ventura Street – A neighbor reported this property had been taken over by squatters. CSS inspected the property and confirmed squatters had broken in. CSS tracked down the bank that currently owns the property, the squatters were removed and the property has since been secured.

Neighborhood Watch Group

On February 12, Tina Encarnacion, Communications Supervisor Kelly Newman, and Lieutenant Sid DeJesus met with the citizens of the Mini Drive Neighborhood Watch group. The citizens of this North Vallejo neighborhood are very interested in improving their quality of life, especially as it relates to home security, and gang and narcotic related activity in the area. Encarnacion did an outstanding job detailing the “keys for success” in getting more involvement out of their neighborhood watch group, and spoke about the specific benefits of being a part of Nextdoor.com private social networking platform.

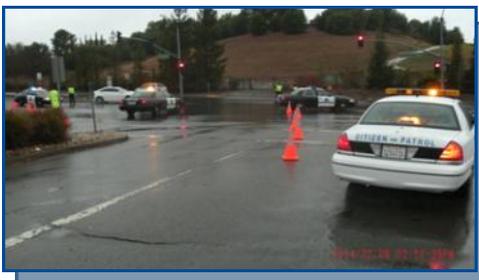


Newman did an equally amazing job in educating the concerned citizens on the proper way to use the 911 system, and touched on the importance of neighborhood safety in relation to knowing who lives in your neighborhood and encouraged citizens to band together in the interest of quality of life issues.

Vallejo residents are encouraged to start, or to enhance current Neighborhood Watch Programs with support of the CSS. The main contact for the program is [Tina Encarnacion](#) at 707-553-7218.

Volunteer Program and Citizens on Patrol

At the direction of Traffic Lieutenant Kevin Hamrick, Volunteer Coordinator William “Bill” Donovan, DUI Coordinator Denise Sobiek, the Department volunteers and Citizens on Patrol (COPers) remain diligent in working various DUI checkpoints in the interest of making Vallejo safer.



The volunteers and COPers have been instrumental in servicing the needs of the organization and the needs of the community. Their service allows uniformed personnel to focus on the task of policing the community and responding to the most serious issues.

Recruitment

For individuals interested in a career in Law Enforcement, the following criterion is required:

- Post Basic Police Academy certificate
- 60 college units, or an undergraduate degree
- Four years of military experience, undergraduate degree, or 30 college units from an accredited college or university

Police Cadets and Explorers

The Department is actively seeking qualified candidates who may be interested in a career in Law Enforcement by joining our Cadet and Explorer programs. Cadets perform a variety of civilian field and office law enforcement duties, working in direct support of sworn and non-sworn personnel on a part time, as needed basis, while attending an accredited college or university. Cadets are also expected to attend weekend and evening training sessions, and the salary scale for qualified Cadets ranges from \$13 to \$15 per hour.

Cadet Qualification Requirements:

- Must be 18-23 years old to apply
- Enrolled in a college/university while maintaining a 2.0 GPA/12 units
- Ability to interact with the Public in a tactful and professional manner
- Pass written and physical agility test
- Proper English usage, spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Familiarity with Department organization and function
- Knowledge of general law enforcement codes, practices and methods
- Ability to follow oral and written directions

Interested applicants can apply [online here](#), or for additional information contact [Lt. De-Jesus](#), or call (707) 649-3570.

Police Explorer

The Vallejo Police Department is actively seeking applicants for volunteer positions as Police Explorer. The Vallejo Police Explorer Program is part of the Vallejo Police Activities League (PAL) and designed for youth of Solano County that may be interested in a career in the law enforcement field. Explorers participate in a variety of activities throughout the city and VPD. Some of those activities include: monthly police trainings, weekly meetings, "ride-a-longs" with patrol officers, assistance at DUI checkpoints, holiday details and parades, local fundraisers, community events and statewide Police Explorer competitions.

Explorer Qualification Requirements:

- Must be 14-20 years of age, and have completed the 8th grade at time of appointment
- Resident of Solano County
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA average in High School
- Ability to contribute at least 10-hours of volunteer time to the program per month

Contact the Explorer program advisors for additional requirements.

Interested and qualified persons must submit an Explorer application which is available at the VPD main station located at 111 Amador Street. Instructions for completion and return are written on the application.

For additional information regarding the program, interested individuals can email the program advisors [Corporal Bob Knight](#) or [Officer Sean Kenney](#).

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Collaboration Phase VIII

Phase VIII of the Vallejo Interagency Partnership (VIP) collaboration between City of Vallejo and Caltrans took place February 24. The center islands on Sonoma Boulevard between Couch Street and Highway 37 were the targeted areas for cleanup. Caltrans started at the north end at Highway 37 and worked their way south. The City Maintenance crew began at the Couch Street end and worked north until the two crews met up.



Caltrans provided a lane closure that affected the number of lanes in both directions, providing a safe work zone to accomplish the cleanup. Weed eating, vegetation trimming and a large amount of litter removal was accomplished as part of this Phase.

The City Maintenance crew consisted of Sean Arnott, Robert Ljuba, Brian Monahan, Jose Gamez, Brian Slavik, Ritchie Austin and Greg Daly.

Hiddenbrooke Park Groundbreaking

After several years of effort, the Hiddenbrooke Park project has met another milestone and held its groundbreaking event on February 24. The park will be constructed on a parcel that is owned by the Vallejo City Unified School District, which has leased a





portion of the parcel to the City for purposes of constructing a park to meet the recreation needs of the community. The Greater Vallejo Recreation District will be operating and maintaining the park once it is constructed.

The construction of the park will be phased, beginning with the current process of rough grading, scheduled to be

completed by May. Construction of the park featuring bocce courts, basketball play area, tot lot, picnic features, and several trails, will commence this Summer and will be completed by Fall 2014.

Future amenities include additional trails and equestrian access, which will be installed at a later date pending funding and public access to the open space areas adjacent to the park which is owned by the Solano Land Trust.



Recycled Sculpture and Art Contest

In honor of Earth Day 2014, the City of Vallejo Recycling Division will be hosting the 4th Annual Recycled Sculpture and Art Contest. Vallejo residents will be challenged to turn recyclable materials into masterpieces of art, and have a chance at winning up to \$1,000. All prizes will be awarded at the City's Earth Day Event, which will be held in



conjunction with the Farmers Market on Georgia Street and Virginia Street from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19. Entries must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 4. The art will be judged on creativity, originality, and the most imaginative use of recyclable materials.

The contest will be used as an educational tool to stress the importance of the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle); therefore, all art must be fabricated from 100 percent found, re-used, and/or, recyclable materials. The contest is intended to change people's perception about the materials that are commonly viewed as trash, and/or, having little value. Various pieces of the recycled art will be displayed in the lobby of City Hall during the week prior to Earth Day (April 14 through April 18).

Disposal of Medications

Vallejo residents can now safely dispose of expired, unwanted or unused medications for FREE every Monday-Thursday between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Vallejo Police

Department, located at 111 Amador Street. This new program will ensure that residents have an opportunity to safely dispose of medications on an ongoing basis. When disposing of medications, residents should remove all labels and personal information, and place in a plastic bag (please confirm lids are tight for liquids and gels).

This program is for **uncontrolled substances** only. Residents should check with their Doctor or pharmacy to determine if their medications are categorized as a controlled or uncontrolled substance. Any additional questions regarding the program should be directed to [Derek Crutchfield](#), Recycling Coordinator, at (707) 648-5346.

Residential Water Survey Program

Each year, the Water Division offers a free program to assist its water customers in evaluating the condition of their existing landscape irrigation system. Customers receive a water use report with recommendations for improvements, hands-on demonstrations of leak detection techniques, inspection of sprinkler heads and timers, water-saving devices and more. Upon request, water conservation staff will check indoor water use as well.

The annual Residential Water Survey Program for 2014 is now operational and taking appointment requests. The program is starting three months early this year in response to concerns over the regional drought and its potential impact on water supplies. The Water Division is able to make the program available through its partnership with other local water agencies. The program is administered through the Solano County Water Agency and utilizes water conservation interns working out of an office in Fairfield who are sent to communities throughout Solano County to perform these surveys.

Interested water customers are encouraged to call (707) 410-5469 to schedule an appointment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Note: Events are subject to change. Please visit the [City Calendar](#) located on the City's Website for the most up-to-date information.

Participatory Budgeting Assembly

Saturday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ, 1109 Lassen Street



How do I *safely dispose* of my unused medications?

**Use the FREE Vallejo
Collection Site!
at 111 Amador Street**

Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Remove all information and labels from bottles or empty contents into a plastic bag. Leave liquids or gels in containers with tightly closed lids and place them in a plastic bag.

WARNING: Leaving unused medication at home can be dangerous.



Improper disposal of medications can harm people, wildlife and the environment. Never flush or trash them.

Questions?
Call 707-648-5346
or visit
www.ci.vallejo.ca.us



City Council Goal Setting Session

Monday & Tuesday, March 3 & 4 at 9:00 a.m. at California Maritime Academy, 200 Maritime Academy Drive, Dining Center

Planning Commission

Monday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers

Participatory Budgeting Assembly en Español

Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Dan Mini Elementary School, 1530 Lorenzo Drive

Vallejo Planning Initiatives Project General Plan Update Community Workshop

Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Glen Cove Elementary School, 501 Glen Cove Parkway

Housing and Redevelopment Commission Special Meeting

Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers

Participatory Budgeting Assembly

Saturday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Norman King Community Center, 545 Magazine Street

General Plan Working Group

Monday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joseph Room, 2nd Floor, JFK Library

Participatory Budgeting Assembly

Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Vallejo Adult School, 2833 Tennessee Street

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers

Economic Vitality Commission

Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers

Vallejo Planning Initiatives Project General Plan Update Community Workshop

Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Elks Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway

Code Enforcement Appeals Board Meeting

Thursday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Joseph Room, 2nd Floor, JFK Library

Participatory Budgeting Assembly

Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Cooper Elementary School, 612 Del Mar Avenue

Beautification and Design Review Board Meeting

Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers

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