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## College Bound Vallejo

Through the City of Vallejo's first cycle of **Participatory Budgeting**, the College Bound Vallejo project was approved by the residents of Vallejo and the City Council. College Bound Vallejo will award scholarships to up to 75 Vallejo students who receive their high school diploma, GED or Certificate of Completion by August.

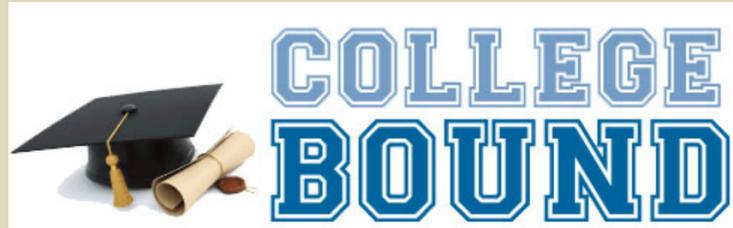
City staff have been working with the Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) and the Willie B. Adkins Project, a VCUSD college preparation program, to construct the **scholarship application**, contract and provide a fair review process. Students who receive the College Bound Vallejo scholarship can be awarded up to \$2,000 per year for two years, funds that will be disbursed directly to the institution.



Applicants must provide proof of residency in Vallejo, proof of enrollment in a two or four year institution within 75 miles of Vallejo and be able to complete 150 hours of community service within Vallejo during the course of their scholarship term. Applications for College Bound Vallejo can be **accessed here**, may be submitted **online here**, and are due by May 1, 2014.

Applications will not be evaluated based on preference with regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, citizenship, ethnicity, age, pregnancy, familial status, disability or sexual orientation. Applicants may be considered for demonstrated financial need and being the first generation in the family to attend college, but these are not requirements to apply.

The mission of College Bound Vallejo is not only to provide financial support to Vallejo students to pursue higher education, but to encourage students to serve their community.



## 2014 Earth Day Celebrations

In celebration of Earth Day 2014, the Vallejo Farmers' Market will be hosting a free event on Saturday, April 19. The winners of the City of Vallejo's 4th Annual Recycled Art Contest will be announced at the Earth Day celebration.

Families can enjoy free fun, including a climbing wall, jugglers, face painting, kids craft projects and games, plus animals from the **Loma Vista Farm**. There will be a DJ, raffle and door prizes, a California native plant sale, and informational booths on less-toxic products for your garden. Additionally, guests will have the opportunity to trade in their old mercury thermometers for a free digital thermometer.



To promote environmental awareness of motor vehicles, the new Chevy Volt and Nissan Leaf will be on display. The 2014 Earth Day Celebration will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 on Georgia Street, west of Sonoma Boulevard. For additional information, please call 707-55-EARTH or visit the **VALCORE Recycling website**.

In conjunction with the Farmers' Market Earth Day Celebration, the Loma Vista Farm is having a Volunteer Work Day and Potluck from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They will supply all the necessary materials to complete the projects that are scheduled for the day. Participants are encouraged to bring work gloves, protective eye wear, a refillable water bottle and any other desired tools. The potluck is open to any and all that would like to contribute and share a meal with fellow volunteers at the end of the work day. For additional information, please call 707-556-8765. The Loma Vista Farm is located at 150 Rainier Avenue.



## Six Flags Discovery Kingdom Open for Spring Break

School is out and thrills are in! **Six Flags Discovery Kingdom**, which recently announced its new operating calendar of being open on weekends year-round, will be open regularly during the next two weeks for Spring Break.

The one-of-a-kind theme park brings together interactive animal attractions, exciting family rides and thrilling roller coasters in one central location. The 135-acre park features three worlds in one kingdom, with wildlife shows, animal encounters and exhibits, along with the most daring roller coasters around.



Guests can discover what it's like to be the "Man of Steel" on Superman Ultimate Flight, the new super-launch coaster which opened last summer. Superman Ultimate Flight has the tallest inversion west of the Mississippi and is ranked alongside the tallest roller coaster inversions in the world at 15-stories high. Don't miss the Wildlife Trail, where guests can get near a mix of small animals, reptiles and birds, with animal care staff available to engage and inform. Seaside Junction, Looney Tunes Seaport and Tava's Jungleland are family-friendly, kid-themed play areas with rides and attractions gentle enough for young riders to enjoy.

Beginning Saturday, April 12 and going through Sunday, April 27, the park will be open daily for guests from 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Click here** to view the full 2014 operating calendar.

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## Navy Logo on Mare Island Causeway

Former employees and members of the 12 blue-collar and four white-collar affiliated Unions of Mare Island, and other employee organizations, have rallied together to solicit donations and gifts to help pay for the restoration of the Mare Island Naval Shipyard logo on the Wichels Causeway Bridge.

The logo, which is prominently visible as one travels onto the Bridge to Mare Island from Vallejo, has long since faded and struggles to represent the proud traditions of service from U.S. Navy personnel and shipyard employees on the former naval base.

Tom Watson recently petitioned and received approval from the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation Board of Directors to set up a separate fund to receive donations to remove, restore and reinstall the **Mare Island logo** back to its former glory.

In conjunction with the City of Vallejo's plans to repair and repaint the western approach of the bridge, the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation is hoping to raise the funds, estimated from \$5,000 to \$10,000 total, required to restore the logo and preserve the history of Mare Island in time for the 20th anniversary of the closing of the naval base, coming up on April 1, 2016. No City funds are being used for this project.

Interested persons can give to the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation in various ways. For additional information, please contact Tom Watson at 707-507-5249 or **click here** to email [MareIslandLabor@gmail.com](mailto:MareIslandLabor@gmail.com).

## Communications Survey



The City Manager's Office officially launched the first **Communications Survey** on March 14, calling all residents, businesses and stakeholders to provide formal feedback about how City staff communicate. Surveying the City's communications will allow Vallejo's Communication Plan to be elastic, responding to changes in the media landscape, demographics, and current events as needed. The findings will be reported to the internal Communications Committee for review, and then presented to the City Council in the Fall. For additional information please contact **Joanna Altman**, Administrative Analyst II.

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