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## CDA Cares Free Dental Clinic

The California Dental Association **CDA Foundation** will be hosting their CDA Cares free dental clinic to provide oral health care and education at no charge for more than 2,000 patients in Solano County. Dentists, dental and health professionals, as well as community volunteers, will be donating their time and skills for this two-day event in Vallejo.

**CDA Cares** educates the public about the importance of good oral health and the need for an adequately funded dental safety net. Patients who attend this event will receive cleanings, fillings, extractions, oral health education and assistance in finding a dentist for follow-up care, all free of charge.

Clinic doors will open at 5:30 a.m. on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 for registration so that treatments can begin at 7:00 a.m. All ages are welcome and no identification is required for treatment. The CDA Cares event will take place at the Solano County Fairgrounds, located at 900 Fairgrounds Drive.

The CDA Foundation was formed as the philanthropic arm of the California Dental Association in 2001 with the mission to improve the oral health of Californians by supporting the effort to meet community needs. Since 2012, with the help of more than 6,000 volunteers, CDA Cares has provided \$6-million in dental care to more than 8,000 patients.



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## Highlands Park Grand Opening Celebration a Success

The residents of the Somerset Highlands neighborhood were able to formally celebrate the re-opening of **Highlands Park** this weekend.

Though the park had an official GVRD/City re-opening in **January**, residents wanted to celebrate the new and improved park in their own way. The festivities included at neighborhood potluck, games, exhibits, an egg hunt for the kids, a performance by the Jesse Bethel High School Marching Band, and safety demonstrations by the Vallejo Police Department and the Vallejo Fire Department.

The 7-acre park was under construction beginning November 2012 and was completed in December 2013. The renovated park features children's play equipment, two Bocce ball courts, a half-basketball court, covered picnic tables and a restroom. The park has off-street parking and various walking trails and paths.

Highlands Park is located at 101 Regents Park Drive at Columbus Parkway. For further information or to reserve Highlands Park (or other GVRD Parks), please contact the Greater Vallejo Recreation District at 707-648-4600 or visit [GVRD online](#).

## Tennis Team wins Nationals in Hawaii

The **Greater Vallejo Tennis Association** (GVTA) recently had an accomplished weekend at the U.S. Tennis Association Adult Leagues in Hawaii, competing against 15 other regions around the United States.

The 40-and-over Mixed 7.0 team (combination man and woman players, intermediate skill level) won the Northern California Championships in January and nine of the 22 players were able to advance to the National Championships in Maui last weekend. The nine-member team beat teams from Maryland, Florida and New Jersey. They then went on to beat Seattle in the semi-finals, and ultimately beat the Hawaii team in the finals to secure the title of National Champions.

The GVTA has had three of its teams reach Nationals, with the Men's 55-and-over team set to compete for their National Champion title in Surprise, Arizona the last weekend in April. Congratulations to the 40-and-over Mixed 7.0 team and good luck to the Men's 55-and-over team!



Left: Linda Imrie, Tom Dolter, Carole Tarantino, Senne Dolter, Ron Tabtab, Emily Moya, Mihn Tran, Derrick Crescencio, and Ari Sanders.

## Poetry by the Bay is Back

April is National Poetry Month, a celebration established by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, and there is still time to celebrate with **Poetry by the Bay**.

In an effort to increase the visibility and availability of poetry in Vallejo, **The Hub** (former Odd Fellows Lodge) has given a new home to Poetry by the Bay, who's five-year run at Panama Red Coffee Company ended this past December when the change in venue hours made it impossible to continue the late night poetry sessions. The Hub is new to the Downtown Arts and Entertainment District and is a multi-use art gallery to connect, share knowledge, show-off work, build community and create activity, interest, vibrancy, and prosperity in Vallejo.

Re-launched back in mid-February, Poetry by the Bay is a community driven show, with every show influenced by poets who are interested in sharing their work. Additionally, Poetry by the Bay now has a resident DJ, MrKIT, who will be spinning music throughout the show.

Poetry by the Bay is on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Hub, located downtown at 350 Georgia Street. The nightly sign-up list goes up at 7:00 p.m. with the open-mic performances beginning around 7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome and the time limit on stage is four minutes. The show ends around 9:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact **Kyrah Ayers** at 707-348-2008.



## 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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