

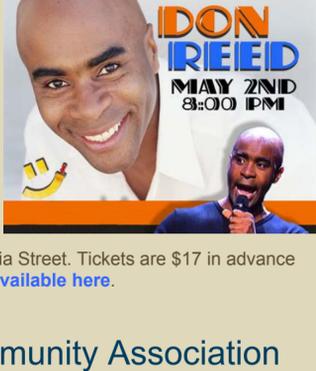


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## Empress Theatre Comedy

**Empress Theatre** is back for its newest feature, Comedy at the Empress, with the multi-talented Don Reed bringing standup comedy on Friday, May 2. Reed will be joined by featured comic Ben Feldman and host David Studebaker.

Reed has been described as a "comedic Molotov cocktail," with his mix of impersonations, improv, physical comedy and storytelling. His career spans from television and film to stage and animation. Feldman was named SF Weekly's best San Francisco comic to watch in 2013, as his dry wit helps bring his cool East Coast charm to Bay Area stages. With sarcastic rants and subtle puns, his act is clever, playful and delightfully provocative. Host David Studebaker is a comedian and Bay Area native and was a "critics choice" in the North Bay Bohemian.



This month's Comedy at the Empress show will be on Friday, May 2 beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Empress Theatre, located at 330 Virginia Street. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door and are [available here](#).

## Glen Cove Community Association Garage Sale

This Saturday, the **Glen Cove Community Association** will be hosting its annual neighborhood garage sale. There will be maps of participating houses available at the Glen Cove Center near Safeway. Sale times are between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Just in time for spring cleaning, visit the large Glen Cove Community to turn trash into treasures. Common items to find are clothing, books, toys, household knickknacks, lawn and garden tools, sports equipment and board games. Look also for furniture and home appliances.

## Lynch Canyon Kite Festival

Sunday marks the close of National Kite Month and in celebration the **6th Annual Kite Festival** returns this Saturday at Lynch Canyon Open Space Park.

People around the world have been flying kites for centuries, as kites were thought to fight evil spirits, bless harvests, and have been used to carry messages, advance science, win wars, learn about wind and weather, and to bring joy to all.

The festival is free for all attendees and families can bring a picnic lunch to enjoy during the kite flying. Participants should bring a kite and lots of good energy. All ages and abilities are welcome!

The 6th Annual Kite Festival will be held on Saturday, May 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lynch Canyon Open Space, located at 3100 Lynch Road, near McGary Road between Vallejo and Fairfield. Parking is \$5 and no pets are allowed. Lynch Canyon is owned by Solano Land Trust and is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays year-round.

## Bike to Work Day

May is Bike Month and on May 8, SolTrans is hosting the **Bike to Work Day Celebration** at the Vallejo Transit Center. Riding a bike has many advantages, including; healthier living, reducing one's carbon footprint, and an affordable transportation alternative. Biking to work is a great way to fulfill the requirement of 30+ minutes of physical activity per day needed to stay healthy.

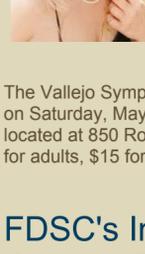
Participants can enter to win local prizes [here](#) and register for the Team Bike Challenge, beginning on May 1, where teams of 5 can choose to ride a bike for transportation as often as possible for the month of May, earning points for each day you ride and totaling daily mileage.

On May 8, there will be energizing stations in various places in Vallejo, where participants can stop by for free refreshments to keep pedaling and also to win prizes. The Vallejo Ferry Terminal, the Vallejo Transportation Center and Mare Island Azuar Drive and Club Drive will provide energizing stations.

## Vallejo Symphony Spring Concert

The **Vallejo Symphony** presents Handel, Water Music Suite No. 2 in D major, Brahms, A German Requiem, with Lauren Woody, soprano and Paul Cheak, baritone and the Solano Choral Society, Vallejo Choral Society and Semantics in its Spring Concert, Eternal Waters.

Water Music, a cheerful Baroque masterpiece, balances the emotional highs and lows of Brahms' magisterial German Requiem, performed by gifted soloists and the combined forces of Vallejo Symphony and our best local choral groups.



Soprano Lauren Woody recently made her international operatic debut in Beijing, China. A winner of the Career Bridges Grant Award in New York City, she has been described as possessing a "wonderful lyric soprano voice capable of many styles and genres." Bass/Baritone Paul Cheak has been performing for more than 40 years and his appearances include the San Diego Opera, Berkeley Opera, North Bay Opera, and Festival Opera of Walnut Creek.

The Vallejo Symphony Spring Concert, Eternal Waters is scheduled on Saturday, May 10 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Hogan Auditorium, located at 850 Rosewood Avenue. Tickets, [available here](#), are \$35 for adults, \$15 for students and \$25 for seniors 60 and over.

## FDSC's International Taste of Wine Country Fundraiser

The **Florence Douglas Senior Center** will be hosting a fundraising event and invites everyone to come out and support.

The International Taste of Wine Country will have cuisine samples from delicious local restaurants and caterers, as well as choice wines from select Napa and Suisun Valley wineries. The goal is to raise the much needed operational funds to keep the Senior Center open. For 36 years, FDSC has been serving more than 2,200 members of the community and needs help to continue to serve Vallejo's seniors for years to come.

In addition to the variety of ethnic and traditional foods, there will be entertainment, a silent and live auction, a premium raffle and many gifts and prizes. The International Taste of Wine Country Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 6:00 p.m. to midnight at the Florence Douglas Senior Center, located at 333 Amador Street. Tickets are \$40 for FDSC members and \$45 for non-members. For additional information, please contact (707) 643-1044 or visit the FDSC [website](#).

## Public Works Week Open House

In celebration of National Public Works Week, the City of Vallejo **Public Works Department** will be hosting an open house event in two department locations.

At the Water Treatment Plant, located at 202 Flemming Hill, Public Works staff will be giving free, guided tours of the treatment plant, with popcorn treats and giveaways. The main event will be held at the Corporation Yard, located at 111 Amador Street behind the police station. There, staff will give guided tours, have fun activities for the family, informational booths about Public Works services, as well as free snacks and giveaways.

The Public Works Open House will be on Sunday, May 18 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional information, visit the Public Works department [webpage](#) or call (707) 648-4092.



## Mare Island Bridge to Bridge Triathlon and 5K Run

Recreation company iRecreate is hosting a Triathlon, Duathlon and 5K Run for athletes, featuring a picturesque, flat course along the Vallejo waterfront and across two bridges that offer stunning views of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Mare Island Bridge to Bridge Triathlon and 5K Run features various options, where athletes can swim-bike-run (triathlon), run-bike-run (duathlon), swim-bike (Aquabike), or simply run the 5K. Participants will receive a race shirt, a custom finisher medal, lifeguarded swim, post-race food and awards to the top three finishers in each category.

The Mare Island Bridge to Bridge Triathlon will be on Sunday, May 25 at the Vallejo waterfront. Race time is approximately 7:00 a.m., with check-in beginning at 6:00 a.m. at 42 Harbor Way. For additional information and to register, [click here](#).

## Kayaking and Biking the Vallejo Waterfront

The Kayaking and Biking Vallejo will be hosting a kayaking day at the Vallejo waterfront on Saturday, May 31 at 1:15 p.m. There will be lessons, kayak and canoe rentals, life jacket "check-outs," and storage places for people to keep their kayaks near the water.

Depending on experience, beginners can stay inside the marina, while others with more expertise can paddle the River. A tide App, called Tide Chart, is available free on any smart phone and has Mare Island listed as a location. The time of the event is set for when the current isn't very strong, to better suit the beginners. Participants are asked to go to the Guest Dock behind Zio Fraedos Restaurant on Harbor Way to check in. For additional information, please email [BikeVallejo@gmail.com](mailto:BikeVallejo@gmail.com).

Biking Vallejo will be hosting a "Mo's to Vallejo Admirals Fan Fest" ride on May 31, where the bike fest will begin at the waterfront and end at the Vallejo Admirals Fan Fest opening day celebration. The game is scheduled for 7:07 p.m.

## Vallejo Admirals Kick-off Season

Vallejo Admirals officially kick-off their season on May 26 with an exhibition game against the San Rafael Pacifics. In its second season, the Vallejo Admirals are looking to improve this year and win the Pacific Association Championships.

Spring Training will be from May 20 through May 29, where 22 of 35 hopeful players will be chosen for this year's roster. The 2014 Exhibition and Regular Season [schedule](#) is out, with the first exhibition game on May 26, with the first pitch starting at 11:00 a.m. For all regular season weekday games, the first pitch will be at 7:07 p.m. Saturday games will begin at 5:05 p.m. and Sunday games at 1:05 p.m.

The Vallejo Admirals play all their home games at Wilson Park, located at 199 Stewart Street at the intersection of Solano Avenue and Curtola Parkway. For additional information about the Vallejo Admirals, [click here](#).



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## Diaz & Lorena Centro Latino Community Center Re-Opening Celebration

The **Diaz and Lorena Centro Latino**, which closed back in 2011, will be re-opening on Monday, May 5 to provide free, drop-in community services for all Latinos in Vallejo.

In conjunction with Cinco de Mayo, the grand re-opening of the Diaz & Lorena Centro Latino will celebrate with live entertainment, featuring mariachi, Napa Valley Ballet Folklorico and DJ Javier Zarate. There will also be raffles and prizes, various food options, a popcorn machine, jumpers for the kids, and many informational booths. The celebration will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Centro Latino will also introduce its founders, partners, programs and volunteers. The center is located at 520-B Broadway Street and it will close a section of the street by Illinois and Broadway for the festivities.

Diaz & Lorena Centro Latino is a bilingual, multi-service volunteer community organization designed to meet the needs of Latino families and individuals in Vallejo. Its mission is to assist, preserve and develop the Latino community by providing advocacy, partnership and resources which promote self-sufficiency and leadership.

As a family resource center, Centro Latino offers a wide range of free social services and programs, including consultation, life skills, monthly education seminars and workshops, referrals and tutoring.

## Vallejo Garden Tour and Festival

The **Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum** is hosting a benefit to help support the Museum's programs and exhibits with the 11th Annual Vallejo Garden Tour.

There will be 10 unique gardens on this year's tour, featuring everything from a mature rose garden in a historic setting, to a backyard grove of fruit trees, surrounded by extensive plantings of organic vegetables, all lovingly watched over by a flock of chickens!

Another garden features views of Mt. Tamalpais and the Mare Island Strait, and is a haven for birds, butterflies, bees and people. A "water-wise" garden will prove to visitors that a tropical effect can be achieved even in drought-stricken California.

In addition to seeing the gardens on the tour, visitors can also enjoy this year's Garden Festival, located right across the street from the Museum. Participants will be able to browse through treasures of garden related items, including; garden art, plants, books, crafts, antiques and more.

Solano County Master Gardeners will also be on hand to answer questions. Buzz Bertolero, a popular columnist known as the "Dirt Gardener," will give a presentation at 1:00 p.m. in the festival area as well.

The **11th Annual Vallejo Garden Tour** will be held on Sunday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, located at 734 Marin Street. Advance tickets are \$40 for the general public and \$35 for Museum members. The ticket price is \$40 on the day of the Tour.

Tickets are available at the Museum, the Vallejo Convention & Visitors Bureau at the Vallejo Ferry Terminal, or at Zoey June Gift and Garden, located at 1426 Tennessee Street. For additional information, call (707) 643-0077.

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