



Downtown Vallejo

Central Core Restoration Corporation

Promoting a safe, clean and vibrant downtown Vallejo

July 2018

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter !

It may get hot this summer but nothing gets us Vallejoans more fired up than our annual Fourth of July Parade. This year's procession featured imaginative contraptions, classic cars, dancing horses, marching bands, military groups, and hundreds of local and regional participants that formed a colorful cavalcade which wound through historic downtown Vallejo to the waterfront ---to the delight of all who came. Special thanks to the event producers and volunteers for making it all happen, the City of Vallejo for its financial contribution, and Claudette Ramirez who sang the most spectacular rendition of our National Anthem. The Fourth of July Parade is the event that kicks-off the summer season and this summer there are many exciting happenings to look forward to. Personally, I am very excited about the 5th Annual Visions of the Wild Festival, hosted by the Forest Service and the Vallejo Community Arts Foundation. This year's theme will be *Wild & Scenic* and will celebrate the beauty of nature with a particular emphasis on trails and rivers. 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers and National Trails Act.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing and safe summer and remind you to take a vacation, make some memories and, as always, keep Vallejo moving forward!

A Farewell

CCRC Board Member Resigns

We say goodbye to Mark Reed who resigned his position on the Board in May. During his tenure, Mark wore several hats, serving as both Treasurer and Chair of the Security Committee. We would like to thank him for his service to CCRC and the downtown Vallejo Community. Oh and by the way....you can still find Mark at the Townhouse, at 401 Georgia Street. If you get a chance, you might want to drop-in for a cold one.

Bean Café Closes

Goodbye to the Bean. In early June, after only one year in business, the Bean at 419 Georgia Street closed its doors. Owner/operator Dwayne Zehr made his decision to close based on two factors: an anticipated increase in rent and the scarcity of other businesses close by. The building's owner, Dasiy Villeneuve, said there have already been inquiries with regard to leasing the space and she believes when leased it will be another eatery.

An Update on Waterfront and Downtown Parking

CCRC has been working with the City of Vallejo, the Downtown Merchants Committee, and Downtown residents to address concerns and answer questions regarding the City's Parking Plan.

In April, City staff received approval to amend and update the municipal parking code to allow for the enforcement of street sweeping in downtown, the elimination of paid parking in downtown lots from 6:00 pm – 9:00 am, and the addition of an hourly parking option (\$1 p/hr. up to the 5th hour which would then trigger the 24 hour maximum). Allison Mattioli, administrative analyst with the City, also created a new brochure which includes: a parking fee schedule, payment options, parking citation information, FAQ, and a map of the downtown and waterfront. You can pick up a brochure at the City Manager's Office at 555 Santa Clara Street- 3rd floor, CCRC's office at 301 Georgia Street, Suite 290 (on the bulletin board outside), and the Vallejo Bookstore at 624 Marin Street. CCRC's downtown security ambassadors Michael George and William Oropeza will also be carrying copies for distribution.

For more information:

Website: parkvallejo.net

Phone: (707) 648-5407

Email: parking.permits@cityofvallejo.net

Our mission is to revitalize Historic Old Town Vallejo as the main street of commercial and cultural activity that promotes shopping, working, dining, and living in a secure and progressive environment.

SB1 Tax to Improve Streets

Governor Brown signed the SB1 "Gas Tax" which gives cities and counties an opportunity to catch-up on years of unfunded maintenance needs. For FY 2018-19, the City of Vallejo has identified streets in need of paving and rehabilitation that will benefit from those dollars. Maintenance on those projects will begin in the fall of 2018. A list will be posted on the City's website once it has been finalized – www.cityofvallejo.net. SB1 includes historic accountability and transparency measures. Cities and counties publicly adopt project lists at the start of every fiscal year and provide year-end reporting on completed projects. Other accountability provisions ensure these funds go only for transportation purposes. The money cannot be diverted for non-transportation use.

Participatory Budgeting Cycle 6

From now until Sunday, October 7th, residents, organizations, and stakeholders are encouraged to submit ideas for cycle 6 of Participatory Budgeting (PB). During the idea collection phase, the City will accept capital infrastructure, program, and service ideas at public events, upcoming budget assemblies, the City Manager's Office at 555 Santa Clara Street, 3rd floor, on Facebook, SeeClickFix, and through AppCivist. Community members also have the opportunity to assist with the PB process as an outreach volunteer or a budget delegate, by filling out a volunteer form online. Delegates work with City staff liaisons to review, vet, and develop ideas into project proposals. For more info: alysalane@cityofvallejo.net (707) 648-4577

FREE Bus Rides to the Art Walk

In an effort to support the community and the arts in Vallejo, SolTrans will be offering free rides every 2nd Friday of the month, from now until December 2018, from 4:00 pm until the last bus of the evening on all local routes, just by showing your Art Passport. You can print your passport at the SolTrans website at www.SolTransRide.com or at the Vallejo Art Walk website at www.VallejoArtWalk.com.

Most of the artists and galleries are located in the central core of downtown – just a short distance from the Vallejo Transit Center.

Saturday Farmer's Market

CCRC continues to work closely with the Pacific Coast Farmer's Market Association to provide Vallejo with an ever-improving certified farmer's market, offering healthy food choices and a warm community atmosphere.

Summer favorites include juicy heirloom tomatoes, gorgeous peaches and plums, tasty summer squash and peppers, luscious berries, and sweet summer corn.

For recipes visit: pcfma.org/eat/recipes

If you are interested in becoming a vendor or have questions regarding the market, contact Regional Manager Shawn Lipetzky at

(925) 771-2908

Business Developments

New Owners at the Good Day Café

Darrell and Juliet Ebu assumed ownership on May 23rd and are excited to be serving the same delicious down-to-earth American fare as the previous owner while adding some of their own favorites such as Longanisa – a popular Filipino breakfast dish. It is usually served with garlic fried rice and eggs done your way. Darrell began working in the restaurant business with his father when he was sixteen years old. He later went on to college and began a career working as an engineer. As the years passed he longed to return to his culinary roots and that's when he, with the support of his wife, decided to take a chance and invest in Vallejo. We are so glad to have them in our downtown. If you haven't had a chance to enjoy a delicious breakfast or lunch with them – they are open 7 days from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm and are located at 314 Georgia Street. (707) 557-4745

Elegant Events Enterprises

Elegant Events Enterprises has been providing affordable, adorable, and elegant catering services in Vallejo and nearby communities since 2010. Owner/operator Myra Phillips and her husband recently moved their business from the 500 block of Georgia Street to 616 Marin Street. Myra noted the reason for the move was they wanted a larger venue so they can provide on-site banquet services. They cater weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, church events, and just about any special occasion or business meeting. For more information or to book your next event visit them at <http://www.eleganteventsenterprise.com>

Gallery 228

Gallery 228, located at 523 Capitol Street, opened in June. Owner Gina Chiao is an artist, curator, art fundraiser, collector and gallerist. She is a Taiwanese-American and has been living in the US for over 30 years. She started out working in fashion design and graphic design, disciplines that still greatly fascinate her, and then 10 years ago she added the arts of painting and photography to her repertoire. Inspired by Georgia O'keeffe, she followed her steps to Taos and Santa Fe New Mexico. In 2015, she studied at University Bordeaux Montaigne and had a studio in Bordeaux. She recently moved to the Bay Area. Her work has been exhibited internationally and collected by art lovers and appreciators.

Welcome to Vallejo – Gina!
For more information:

Website: www.gallery228.com
Phone: (415) 290-3245

Provisions

Provisions, located at 300 Virginia Street, officially opened on June 19th. Owner, Nicole Hodge, and chef Lisa Lees have brought their League of Chefs style of cooking to the counter with this new deli style restaurant. It's a one-stop shop for high-quality prepared foods. You can order online and pick-up during store hours Tuesdays – Saturdays 9:00 am – 7:00 pm or request home or office delivery TUESDAYS ONLY for a fee of \$5.00. To order your next meal go to: www.leagueofchefs.com or call (510) 423-1911

Summer Events

2018 Visions of the Wild Festival

The U.S. Forest Service and the Vallejo Community Arts Foundation are again collaborating with government agencies, non-profit organizations, artists, and conservationists to host this vibrant festival that connects nature, culture, and community.

This year's theme will be *Wild & Scenic* celebrating the beauty of nature with particular emphasis on trails and rivers. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the *Wild & scenic rivers and National Trails Acts*.

This four-day festival runs from **Thursday, September 20th – Sunday, September 23rd** and will include:

- Film Screenings
- Art Exhibitions
- Guest Speakers
- River Cruises
- Art Windows
- Hiking, Biking, and Kayaking Trips
- Nature Discovery Zone
- Second Annual Chalk Art Festival

Primary venues include: the historic Empress Theater, the Temple Art lofts, the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, and the Vallejo Farmers' Market.

There are also a number of pre-festival events throughout the summer months.

To learn more visit Visions of the Wild at: visionsofthewild.org

4th Annual Art Car Jam

Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm at 510 Pennsylvania Street, Vallejo

This is a FREE event open to the public and features:

- 9:00 am Bicycle Rodeo
- 11:00 am Festival opens with Steampunk Vendors
- 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Workshops - (how to demonstrations for painting, gluing, riveting, hammering, and chalking)
- 1:00 pm Food and Drink Vendors open

7th Annual Obtainium Cup Contraptor

Sunday, July 22, 2018 from 11:00 – 6:00pm at Alden Park, Mare Island

This is a FREE event open to the public and features:

- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Steampunk Vendors – Art Cars arrive
- 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm Beer Garden and Food Vendors open
- 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm Live Music
- 2:30 pm Obtainium Cup Rally introductions
- 3:00 pm Obtainium Cup Rally begins and ends at Alden Park
- 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm Awards Ceremony
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For more information about Saturday or Sunday's event visit:

<http://www.obtainiumworks.net>

Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum

Presents:

From Ferries to Diaries – A History of Georgia Street

Georgia Street is not a particularly long street (4.1 miles), nor is it a very old street (some parts only a few decades), but it has thousands of stories to tell. From the ferries that docked at its foot to the dairy farms that once marked its eastern end. Georgia Street encompasses a wide array of building styles, commercial activity, neighborhoods, churches, schools, and varied modes of transportation. The history of Vallejo's "main street" is the subject of the museum's newest exhibit, on display in the Hall of History.

June 28, 2018 – September 1, 2018

Location: Vallejo Naval and Historic Museum

Address: 734 Marin Street

Email: valmuse@pacbell.net

Website: www.vallejomuseum.org

Phone: (707) 643-0077