



# Downtown Vallejo

Central Core Restoration Corporation

Promoting a safe, clean and vibrant downtown Vallejo

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## Welcome to our Fall Newsletter!

The leaves are changing color, the sun is setting a little earlier, the air is a little crisper, and it's time once again for apple picking, pumpkin carving, and wandering through the corn maze.

Autumn is the start of the fall and winter holiday season beginning with Halloween and Thanksgiving followed by Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. It's the season where we celebrate special traditions, bring out the holiday decorations and light spiced scented candles. It is also a time to be grateful and to reflect and appreciate family and friends.

One of the reasons I love this time of year so much is the food. It's the one guilt-free time of the year I allow myself to indulge and eat what I wouldn't otherwise eat on a daily basis and there is nothing like sharing a holiday recipe that has been handed down from one generation to the next.

Speaking of traditions, downtown Vallejo has a few – beginning with the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunting of the Downtown, on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mad Hatter Holiday Festival, Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Lighted Boat Parade, on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, as well as the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Victorian Homes Tour, on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Whatever way you choose to celebrate, we hope your time will be filled with happy moments spent with friends and family.

*Rita Iravani*  
Executive Director, CCRC

## Goodbye to two Art Community Pioneers

The closing of The HUB and Artizen Cultural Arts Center has left a void in the Downtown art scene. After five plus years of welcoming visual arts exhibitions, poetry performances, music, and theater both The HUB and Artizen have closed their doors. During their half-decade of existence they were a driving force in the revitalization of downtown and a major contributor in establishing it as a center for culture, art, and community. They will be sorely missed!

**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.**

## Board Membership Drive and Election

CCRC is currently looking for committed people to serve on our board. Our 11 person board is made up of property owners or their representatives, business owners, and at-large members within our district boundaries. The Board will vote on December 13<sup>th</sup> to admit new member (s) to CCRC's Board of Directors.

Our purpose is to revitalize and promote the economic well-being of Downtown Vallejo through a public-private partnership with property and business owners, City agencies, and community organizations in the administration of the Property and Business Improvement District.

If you are interested in becoming a Board Member, visit our website at [downtownvallejo.com](http://downtownvallejo.com) where you will find a link to our membership application –fill it out and mail it to: 301 Georgia Street, Suite 290, Vallejo, CA 94590, or email: [ccrcvallejo@gmail.com](mailto:ccrcvallejo@gmail.com) , or fax: 707 557-6040.

**Applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm on November 5, 2018.**

## CCRC Downtown Security Camera Pilot Project

In an ongoing effort to increase public safety and reduce the incidents of crime, CCRC is exploring options to install security cameras in the downtown. The Board is considering a couple of different options such as Amazon's Ring Spotlight Camera and Google's Nest Outdoor Camera. The price points vary slightly with discounts on larger purchases and for a modest monthly fee, data can be stored in the cloud. Although, cameras cannot prevent crime they can act as a deterrent and they can help law enforcement apprehend criminals when a crime is committed.

If the project is successful, more cameras could be added and property and business owners interested could join the network.

As part of the information gathering process, the Board is also developing a survey to poll downtown property and business owners to determine their interest in this project.

### CCRC CONTACT INFO

**Central Core Restoration Corporation (CCRC)**  
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707 557-6762 [ccrcvallejo@gmail.com](mailto:ccrcvallejo@gmail.com)

Meetings are held at 4:30 pm on the second Thursday of the month at 301 Georgia Street, conference room 200.  
The public is invited to attend

## SVT Security

With holiday shopping right around the corner CCRC's downtown security ambassadors, Michael George and William Oropeza, are reminding everyone to stay safe. Car burglaries increase during the holiday season. You can help secure your vehicle from being broken into by taking these safety precautions:

- Keep the interior of your car free of valuables. Never leave bags, purses, wallets, briefcases, laptops, cell phones, loose change or anything that may be of value to a thief in plain view.
- Hide chargers, and accessories that indicate a GPS, mobile phone, or other device may be stashed in your vehicle.
- Remove garage door openers, key cards, and house or work keys from the car so that a prowler cannot gain access to your home.
- Don't leave credit cards, identification or personal information in your glove box or anywhere in your car.
- If you must leave valuables in your car, put them in the trunk before you arrive at your destination.

To report suspicious activity

**Call -SVT 707 689-8014**

To report a crime in progress

**Call - 9-1-1**

## Update on the Downtown Planters

At long last the downtown planter project is complete. With the help of CCRC board members, volunteers, and members of Vallejo First Corp., all 58 planters on the 300 & 400 block of Georgia Street have been refreshed and replanted. CCRC is in the process of securing a maintenance agreement to ensure the plants receive regular upkeep. Thank you to all who participated and made this project possible.

## Saturday Farmers Market

Some of most colorful and delicious produce can be found long after the days start getting short and cold. Produce that is best right now are apples, grapes, pears, artichokes, winter squash, persimmons, pomegranate, Brussel sprouts....and more. Pumpkins and gourds will soon be filling the tables as well.

Come down to the Vallejo Farmers Market --open every Saturday, rain or shine, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

## List Your Property

CCRC will post your commercial listings to increase your leasing and purchase opportunities. This free service is available to all stakeholders. Email us at [crcvallejo@gmail.com](mailto:crcvallejo@gmail.com) and we will get your listing online. Please use the following format: 200 characters or less; plain text preferred. Include one image sized at least 260 px wide (pdf or jpg or png). Don't forget to include the contact information and please DO NOT USE all CAPS.

## Free Fall Cleanup Day

As a way of providing residents with an affordable and acceptable alternative to illegal dumping, the City of Vallejo will partner with Recology Vallejo for the Third Annual Cleanup Day or “Free Dump Day” event, which will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm on Railroad Avenue located on Mare Island. This event is only available to Vallejo residents, rain or shine, and proof of residency will be required. Acceptable proof of residency includes a CA Identification Card (I.D.) or a CA Driver’s License. If the I.D. or license does not reflect a Vallejo address, please supplement the proof of residency with a bill that states the holders name and current Vallejo address.

Residents wishing to participate must enter Mare Island via the Walnut Avenue exit from Highway 37. Staff will then direct residents down Walnut Avenue onto Railroad Avenue where participants will offload and then be guided back onto Highway 37 to leave Mare Island. No one participating in this event will be allowed to enter the line from the Mare Island Causeway Bridge.

In 2017, the Public Works Grounds Maintenance section removed more than 2 million pounds of illegally dumped materials from the streets of Vallejo. During last year’s cleanup event, nearly 200 tons were collected.

Let’s continue to keep Vallejo beautiful!!

### **For more information contact:**

City of Vallejo Recycling Coordinator at 707 648-5346 or Recology Vallejo at 707 552-3110

## The Downtown Welcomes two New Neighbors

### **Greyhound is now Providing Service from the Vallejo Transit Center**

Greyhound bus and SolTrans have partnered to provide service from the Vallejo Transit Center in Downtown Vallejo. The new partnership includes a dedicated bus bay at the transit center with ticketing and information provided at the ticket office. Greyhound services began on September 17<sup>th</sup> with five buses running daily and destinations which include Sacramento, Reno, and San Francisco.

For ticket office hours and information visit: [www.SolTransRide.com](http://www.SolTransRide.com) or call 707 648-4666

### **Cal Maritime will be Opening a Multi-Use Center in Downtown Vallejo**

Cal Maritime is leasing 14,000 square feet of space at 253 and 255 Georgia Street. The Cal Maritime Anchor Center will be home to community educational programming and rental space for outside organizations. The space contains a large gathering area for events and two breakout rooms, as well as more traditional classroom spaces with small testing areas. The largest room can accommodate approximately 100 people, depending on configuration and event type.

Cal Maritime President Tom Cropper believes the center will help foster cooperation and collaboration between the City and the Academy.

## Holiday Festivities & Events

### October

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunting of Downtown

- Sat., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Moments Shared, 320 Georgia St. Free Halloween portraits.
- Wed., Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at Chinese Martial Arts, 340 Georgia Street. Stick around for the raffle give away.

#### For more information call:

Moments Shared 707 641-1009 or  
Chinese Martial Arts 707 712-3223

#### Empress Theater

- Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> -*The Bride of Frankenstein*
- Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> *Young Frankenstein*
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> -*The Creature*
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> –DJ Dance & Best Costume Contest at the Haunted Lounge

#### For more information visit:

EmpressTheater.org

### November

#### Dia De Los Muertos “Day of the Dead”

Sat., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at 201 Georgia Street

#### Free for all ages

In partnership with many groups and organizations, this event is designed to educate the community and also to honor the loved ones who have passed away by building a community alter.

#### For more information visit:

Solanoaidscoalition.org

## Mare Island Follies at the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum

Sun., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 pm at 734 Marin Street. Join the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum for their annual fundraising event. This year’s theme -- *Mare Island Follies* — remembering and staging Vallejo’s WWII era entertainment with its musical theatrics and a lively party scene. Come in your 1940’s party clothes with your dancing shoes on!

There will be delicious food from many local sources, a hosted beer and wine bar, additional assorted cocktails, and scrumptious desserts with complimentary champagne. An exciting Live Auction and Fund-A-Need appeal will follow along with a live swingin’ dance band to round out the entertainment and conclude the evening. Your participation and support will help keep the museum doors open!

“**Show & Party Tickets**” (only 110 available) will experience the Mare Island Follies in the 2nd Floor Heritage Chamber. These guests will have another 2nd floor bar along with theater seating for the 2018 rendition of wartime home front entertainment.

“**Party Only Tickets**” will mingle and swing to a 1940’s Band, and enjoy other entertaining surprises of the era.

To purchase tickets click on the following links: [Buy Tickets Here](#) or Visit [www.vallejomuseum.org](http://www.vallejomuseum.org)

Or call: 707 643-0077

### **Pop-Up Shop Presents:**

#### **Shop Small Business Saturday Vallejo**

#### **Scavenger Hunt**

Sat., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> is Small Business Saturday – a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for our community. Small Business Saturday was founded in 2010 as a nationwide movement to help bring attention to the importance of supporting small businesses. This year's event will begin with a kickoff breakfast at the Vallejo Historic Naval Museum followed by a scavenger hunt. There will be games, raffles, and opportunities for shoppers to win prizes to further support our local small businesses.

#### **For more information visit:**

[www.facebook.com/popshopevents](http://www.facebook.com/popshopevents)

## **December**

#### **Downtown Holiday Window Decorating**

#### **Contest**

The Downtown Merchants Committee is bringing back the Downtown Holiday Window Decorating Contest. This is a great opportunity for any Downtown business, organization, restaurant, etc. to join in the holiday cheer by decorating their window.

#### **For more information contact:**

Tina Fowler  
Membership & Marketing Specialist  
Vallejo Chamber of Commerce  
Chair, Downtown Merchant Committee  
[tina@vallejochamber.com](mailto:tina@vallejochamber.com)

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mad Hatter Holiday Festival**

Sat., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

All Activities are FREE

#### **Main Downtown Vallejo Activities**

- 2:00 pm Unity Plaza at the JFK Library - Wonderland Festival activities -dancing horses, craft & food, vendors & children's rides.
- 4:30 pm Georgia and Sonoma Street the Mad Hatter Parade begins.
- 6:00 pm JFK Library the Tree Lighting Ceremony starts.
- 6:30 pm at the Waterfront the Lighted Boat Parade begins.

#### **For more information:**

**Call:** 844 344-8793

**Facebook:** MadHatterHolidayVallejo

**Visit:** [www.HatterVallejo.com](http://www.HatterVallejo.com)

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Victorian Homes Tour**

Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Tickets are \$35

#### **Activities Begin**

- 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Reception at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin Street.
- 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Homes are open.
- 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm after party at Vino Godfather, 500 Walnut Ave., Mare Island.

Tickets are available at the Reception or can be purchased online at:

[www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3596988](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3596988)