



# Downtown Vallejo

Central Core Restoration Corporation

Promoting a safe, clean and vibrant downtown Vallejo

July 2020

## DISTRICT SERVICES

### Free Hand Sanitizer

CCRC is giving away 8-ounce bottles of hand sanitizer at the Vallejo Farmer's Market every Saturday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm while supplies last. Go to the Market's information booth to pick some up.

### Downtown Lighting Project

The downtown lighting project is coming along, albeit slow, due to the COVID-19 situation. About half of China's regional factories shut down since the outbreak began late last year and although many are now coming back online they aren't necessarily at full production. Geocene, Inc., the local company we are working with has contacts in China who are bidding on our behalf for the best possible price. We have also been working with the City of Vallejo on how to get the lights powered and a number of outdoor lighting techniques are being considered to create the optimal effect. We anticipate the project to be completed no later than November 2020.

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### Downtown Parking & New Streetscape

You may have noticed some work being done in our downtown parking lots. The City has been adjusting some parking areas to better delineated ADA compliant spaces, creating more van accessible spaces, adding better signage, and adjusting the location of the ADA spots. The city is also accepting requests to allow businesses to convert long-term street parking into a shorter time-limited "curb-side pickup" style space. This will give customers a safe and easy access point to pick up purchases. The City has also completed the York Street improvement project which has expanded the Vallejo Transit Center east along York Street. Five new bus stops have been added as well as new streetscapes between Sacramento and Marin Street.

**Thank you COV!**

### Street & Alleyway Maintenance

We commend those property and business owners who do their part by sweeping their sidewalks, picking up cigarette butts, and keeping the street gutters clean. Every bit helps!



## Al Fresco Dining In Downtown Vallejo

There is no better way to take advantage of our great summer weather than to dine outdoors and few places are better to do that than in Downtown Vallejo.

When it comes to social distancing health experts concur dining outside is safest, so in response, the City is now allowing restaurants and cafes to use public and private sidewalks and parking spaces to accommodate outdoor dining and social distancing protocols. The City has also streamlined the permitting process to make it easier for businesses and fees will be waived for the first six months.

To learn more, or to apply for an outdoor dining permit: [Outdoor Dining](#)

Questions may be directed to Annette Taylor Senior Community Development Analyst at [Annette.taylor@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Annette.taylor@cityofvallejo.net) or by calling 707 649-3510



## Public Safety Power Shut Off

According to Vallejo's area representative at PG&E, there are plans in the works to roll out more PSPS in August. Be prepared!

### What to do before and during an outage

#### **Have key supplies on hand**

- Flashlights for the household
- Battery-powered or crank radio
- Batteries in various sizes
- Mobile phone as backup if your landline will not work
- Cash and a full tank of gas

#### **Follow important safety tips**

- Have an emergency plan in place, including pets
- Avoid using candles during an outage
- Know how to manually open your garage or any electric door
- Unplug or turn off appliances & electronics to avoid damage when power is restored
- Check on your neighbors
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#### **Take precautions**

- Follow all instructions
- Test before using
- Position where exhaust can vent safely
- Do not run a portable generator in the rain
- Do not store fuel inside the house.

To learn more or to sign up for Alerts

[Prepare for a power shut off](#)



### **Congratulations Longshore Cove**

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The Longshore Cove Apartments, formerly known as the Marina Vista Apartments, located at 201 Maine Street has reinvented itself. The complex is sporting a new look, new paint and landscaping as well as refurbishing of all the apartments from floor to ceiling. The property is managed by Solano Affordable Housing Foundation and consists of 236 multifamily housing units under HUD and Tax Credit programs. The complex will also feature a learning center for adults and children, run by The Leaven. The Leaven learning centers provide year-round tutoring and mentoring services to students and their families in at-risk and under-served neighborhoods, helping children and adults struggling to learn and succeed in school and work.

#### **List Your Rental Property**

**Send your vacancy information in the following format: 200 characters or less, no pdf flyer format, include one image sized 263 x 161 pixels (jpg).**

**Please do not use all caps.**



### **One of California's oldest Newspapers is leaving Downtown Vallejo**

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On July 11, 2020, the Vallejo Times Herald announced it will be leaving its downtown Vallejo office and relocating to Vacaville. They cited several factors for their decision, including the loss of advertising due to the coronavirus pandemic and a steady decline in print sales. Established in 1922, the Times-Herald has been at its current location at 425 Virginia Street in Vallejo since 2016. The paper is expected to make the move to Vacaville in late August. Although they are moving, they will continue to report on Vallejo events and people as well as providing the same quality of service and products.

#### **People at the Times-Herald can still be reached**

Main Switchboard: (707) 644-1141

Newsroom: (707) 644-1141 or Fax (707)553-6851

Classifieds: (7074) 644-553-6550

Circulation: (707) 644-5478

Editorial: (707) 644-1141

Advertising – Print or Online (707)553-6867  
or Fax (707) 451-5211

Business: (707) 644-1141



## A Message from Our Mayor COVID 19 Update 7-13-20

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Dr. Bela Matyas, Solano County Public Health opened with a very sobering message. "We are experiencing a genuine surge in cases." This weekend our active cases rose to 2,219 with 31 total deaths since the reporting started in April. Using track tracing, it appears that the virus is spread during interfamily interaction and social gatherings which account for 57% of the cases. Vallejo is no longer in the lead with 747 cases. Fairfield leads with 765. As a result of our spike in cases and the fact that we are on the "State Watch List", Governor Newsom has ordered the following businesses closed effective today: Dine-in restaurants, wineries, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, zoos and museums, cardrooms, bars (both inside and outside service), malls, worship services, hair salons, tattoo parlors. This order affects over 80% of the state. He gave no indication how long this may last but indicated counties will go off and on based on changing conditions.

I am truly upset by this order as we were beginning to see businesses reopening and the economy start up again. But, I was also concerned that we would see a rise in numbers due to lack of precaution. I am very concerned that we will continue to see the numbers increase over summer and into fall, which is flu season. Again, I ask that we all take responsibility and follow the protocols, Mask, distance, wash.

**Please stay healthy, Vallejo. We can beat this, we're proud and strong!**



### Proposed SR 37 Traffic Congestion Relief Project

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On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Caltrans and partners will be hosting a virtual scoping meeting. You are invited to attend and learn more about the Proposed SR 37 Traffic Congestion Relief Project. Attendees will be able to ask questions about the material presented during the meeting; however, all scoping comments must be submitted in writing by email or mail. Attendance at the virtual open house is not required to submit comments.

For more information about the Scoping meeting, go to [SR 37 Scoping Meeting](#)



## Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park

### 2020 Virtual Show

Sadly, this year's live shows have been cancelled due to complications arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. The event organizers are adjusting and plan on presenting an exciting live stream of the show from a unique location when the cast can finally meet all together.

Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park has every intention of returning next year and continuing with their free live shows at parks around the Bay Area.

For more information or to join their mailing list:

[Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park](#)



### Obtainium Works Starts

#### a Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange Program

Kathy and Shannon O'Hare have started a free jigsaw puzzle-sharing box where anyone can take a puzzle or share a puzzle. You do not need to share a puzzle in order to take one. They have puzzles that range in size from 500 to 2,000 pieces. If you are interested, look for the big wooden box outside Obtainium Works at 510 Pennsylvania St.

**Thanks Kathy & Shannon, you two are awesome!**



## 2020 Vallejo Garden Tour

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

The Vallejo Garden Tour 2020, a fundraiser for the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, will be held on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. The tour will include eight of Vallejo's most beautiful gardens and feature a range of garden styles, including two gardens on Mare Island and another low-water design incorporating apple and fruit cocktail trees, a raised-bed vegetable garden, and a welcoming habitat for butterflies and honey bees.

There will be plant sales, information booths, and displays on Marin Street, in front of the Museum.

You will also have an opportunity to meet members of the Vallejo Garden Club and get your questions answered by the Solano Master Gardeners.

Tickets for the Vallejo Garden Tour are \$40. If you purchase your tickets before August 29<sup>th</sup> you can receive three tickets for the price of two. Tickets can be purchased at the Museum at 734 Marin Street or at Visit Vallejo Convention and Visitors Bureau, at the Ferry Terminal, 289 Mare Island Way.

For more information call 707-643-0077 or visit [Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum](#)



The U.S. Forest Service and the Vallejo Community Arts Foundation



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### 38° North

This interactive exhibition showcases artists and activists who are connecting people to nature and environmental issues through the arts (film, painting, photography, dance, music, poetry, storytelling, etc.) The festival takes place every September in Vallejo, which is 38° north of the equator. Our goal is to connect and exchange ideas with people from around the globe along the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel.

The artistic focal point of our September festival will be a visual representation of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel in a large gallery space. Stations around the room, corresponding to locations highlighted on the globe will explore the art, ecology, topography, history and peoples. This information will become the subject of online discussions, presentations, and interactive web sessions.

We are especially interested in:

- Connecting youth in our community with their counterparts in other countries to create collaborative works.
- Displaying the awesome power of the natural world to inspire us with its complexity, beauty, and mystery.
- Learning about indigenous people's culture - which is often deeply connected to the natural world.

This year 2020 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day, inspiring us to reach out, looking for stories of environmental success, preservation, restoration and resilience to give us hope in these troubled times.

Since 2014 Visions of the Wild has brought our community together to celebrate art and nature. The festival connects people with our beautiful local landscape using the arts, guest speakers and field trips. This year, due to the public health concerns, our program will be a bit different. The 2020 festive will take place in Vallejo on September 11-13<sup>th</sup>, however several events will move online and others will be modified or postponed.

Community Outreach

If you or someone you know live within the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel (click on the [Map](#) ) and would like to participate with the festival, please visit our website at [Visions of the Wild](#)