



Downtown Vallejo

Central Core Restoration Corporation

Promoting a safe, clean and vibrant downtown Vallejo

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Welcome to my First Issue!

I am very excited to share our quarterly newsletter with you. I hope it will keep you informed and inspire you with all things Vallejo!

Rita Iravani
Interim Executive Director

CCRC Overview

CCRC has been representing downtown Vallejo since 1998. In the summer of 2017, property owners within the property improvement district voted once again to have CCRC serve as the Owner's Association for the PBID. This will mark our fourth PBID renewal. The new PBID runs from April 2018 through December 2024. Thank you downtown property owners for your support!

CCRC's geographical boundaries cover approximately 16 blocks of downtown Vallejo's central core and include approximately 182 parcels with roughly 115 parcel owners.

Our purpose is to provide supplemental services and improvements in addition to those provided by city government and to coordinate with property and business owners, city agencies, and community organizations in an effort to promote the best interest of the district and ensure consistent, high-quality provision of services.

These services include:

- 2 Security guards, 40 hours/week
- Regular graffiti removal.
- Litter pick-up 2 hours/day 5 days/week.
- Sponsoring the Saturday Farmer's Market.
- Sponsorship awards to support downtown events, activities and or programs.
- Sponsoring beautification improvement projects in the downtown district and maintaining planters, tree pruning schedule, and street benches.
- Encouraging property owners to maintain buildings in good condition.
- Maintaining a website to foster better communication with property and business owners, providing links to downtown businesses, and lease/sale opportunities.
- Coordinating with city departments to ensure litter, graffiti, illegal dumping and other code violations are addresses.
- Maintaining and installing Christmas banners and holiday garlands.
- Employing a 30 hour/week staff person.
- Working to facilitate solutions with property owners and the city.

Elections

CCRC holds its annual elections in December to fill expiring seats of officers and directors. At the meeting on December 14th, three new directors were elected to the board: Tom Pezzuto, Mike Brigandi, and Michael O'Rourke.

We would like to extend a special "thank you" to retiring board members Robert Litwin, Bob Lando, and James Cooper for their hard work and commitment. You will be missed!

Board of Directors 2018

Buck Kamphausen	Janet Sylvain
Tom Bartee	David Fischer
Mark Reed	Fred Sessler
Ken Ingersoll	Mike Brigandi
Tom Pezzuto	Michael O'Rourke
Annette Taylor	

CCRC always welcomes new applicants to the board. If you are interested in serving on the board, visit our website at www.downtownvallejo.com or contact our office at: 707 557-6762

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

What's New at City Hall

The new city manager, Greg Nyhoff, was given the oath of office at a Special City Council session on January 23rd. Mr. Nyhoff comes to the position with a wealth of knowledge and experience having over thirty-one years of public administration experience with twenty-three years as city manager for municipalities in California, Colorado, and Michigan. His last position as city manager was for the City of Oxnard. Mr. Nyhoff, and his wife Cindy, have chosen to live and become a part of the Vallejo community. We are excited to see him build on our recent successes and help the city reach new heights. Welcome Mr. Nyhoff!

Fiber Optics Update

On July 1, 2017, the internet service, now known as **Vallejo Net**, went live and is currently available for installation and connection throughout the downtown and Mare Island. The capital cost of physically connecting to the city spiral, which is typically under the sidewalk or in the street, range from \$3,800 - \$90,000 depending on how easy it is to connect. City staff is considering alternatives, such as utilizing alleyways, if possible. The city's pricing is competitive, and according to Will Morat at the City of Vallejo "the city will beat any other offer from a provider." He went on to say, there is a possibility of the city financing the installation by spreading the payments over three years with zero percent interest. For more information contact: Will Morat at 707 648-4109 or visit the city website at: www.choosevallejo.com.

Oh Where, Oh Where Can I Park Downtown

There seems to be considerable consternation with the city's parking plan, which appears to still be under construction. Below are answers to some frequently asked questions:

Q: What lots are free and when?

A: Downtown parking lots are free on Saturdays & Sundays and Waterfront parking is enforced twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

Q: What about downtown street parking?

A: Street parking is limited to two hours and is enforced seven days p/week 7:00 am – 6:00 pm.

For more information:

Website: parkvallejo.net

Phone: 707 648-5407

Email: parkingpermits@cityofvallejo.net

Consider Joining an Advisory Board or Commission

For all you civic minded people, the City of Vallejo is seeking applicants for the following Boards and Commissions:

[Beautification Commission](#) (1)

[Code Enforcement Appeals Board](#) (2)

[Vallejo Housing Authority Commissioners – Housing Authority Tenant Members](#) (2)

[Solano County Library Advisory Council](#) (1)

[Solano County Open Space Citizens Advisory Committees](#) (3)

[SolTrans Public Advisory Committee](#) (3)

[Architectural Heritage & Landmarks](#) (3)

All applications must be received no later than close of business on Friday, February 16, 2018

420 Virginia Street Welcomes New Tenants

On Thursday, January 25th, Rep. Mike Thompson, State Sen. Bill Dodd, and State Assemblymember Tim Grayson hosted the grand opening of their new shared office in downtown Vallejo. State Sen. Bill Dodd commented “it's first time in recent history that we'll have Vallejo's Congressman, Senator, and Assemblymember all in the same place. The office will allow us to better serve our community. We have staff on hand to take public input on legislation and to assist people seeking help with state or federal agencies.”

Drop-ins are welcome or you can call:

Assemblyman Tim Grayson: 707 642-0314

Rep. Mike Thompson : 707 648-1888

State Sen. Bill Dodd: 707 551-2389

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 ccrcvallejo@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.

**From town festivals to live entertainment, there's a lot going on in the downtown.
Here are a few highlights:**

Lemon Festival 2018

Vallejo's 2018 *Lemon Festival* takes place on Saturday, February 17, 2018, Redman's Hall, 431 Georgia Street. All proceeds go to support the Vallejo Capitol Stairs Mosaic Project. Event schedule: 3:00 pm Contestants deliver their lemon delectables, 4:00 pm Lemon-based delights will be submitted for official judging, 5:30 pm Celebration begins with tasty treats, live music, and fun, 7:30 pm Awards ceremony. To qualify all entries must be presented on a serving plate with a serving utensil. Contestants are admitted free, no-host bar, tickets are \$25.

The Hub Community Center for the Arts

Features *Poetry by the Bay* on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 7:30 – 9:30 pm at 350 Georgia Street, admission is free. Poetry by the Bay is a spoken word/open mic event, bringing artists together to share their work and focuses on the importance of the messages being said. Come through and share your work. Admission is free.

Townhouse

The Townhouse Cocktail Lounge, 401A Georgia Street, has been an anchor in the historic Arts and Entertainment district of downtown Vallejo since 1958. A busy and varied event calendar has something for everybody; open mic, karaoke, burlesque, drag and numerous special events. A pool table, upstairs sofa lounge and internet juke box round out the Townhouse experience. For more information: townhousecocktails.com

Artiszen Cultural Arts Center

Young Artiszen's art classes are offered every Saturday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, at 334 Georgia Street. Ages 7-17, under 6 years with an adult. Class fees are on a sliding scale, first class is free – No one is turned away.

Vallejo 2nd Friday Art Walk

Takes place every second Friday of the month from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Vallejo has seen a surge of artists and creatives moving into the area. The art walk is an event to celebrate and encourage the growth of this culture. Come down and meet your community and enjoy art, food, music, and entertainment. Maps are available at participating downtown businesses and at vallejoartwalk.com.

Business Spotlight

School of Chinese Martial Arts

340 Georgia St
Tel: 707-712-3223

The School of Chinese Martial Arts has trained many great martial artists and has been in the Bay Area since 1998. Shun Shifu Eric Mitchell is the head instructor of the Vallejo School of Chinese Martial Arts, he and other instructors have gone through rigorous training to learn how to properly teach and mentor students through the way of Hei Long Shou Shu Kung Fu.

All ages are welcome. There is a limited time offer of one free week of introductory lessons – no obligation or contract. You can drop by or sign up online. For more information: www.shoushuvallejo.com

