



Downtown Vallejo

Central Core Restoration Corporation

Promoting a safe, clean, and vibrant downtown Vallejo

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It's Time to Renew the CCRC District!

Since 1998, CCRC has been the steward of the Downtown Property and Business Improvement District (PBID). During this time, we have provided services such as cleaning the district, removing graffiti, pressure washing, plant maintenance, providing public safety services, and supporting events and projects that have made the downtown a vibrant, fun, and safe place to live, work, and play.

The Downtown PBID was last renewed in 2018, for the fourth time, and is set to automatically expire in December 2024. CCRC is currently engaged in a year long process of renewing the district and changing it from a PBID to a Community Benefits District (CBD). There is very little difference between a PBID and a CBD; essentially, a PBID is established using the rules of state law and the CBD is created by a Charter City that can choose to proceed with its own enabling ordinance.

So, what does this mean? Vallejo's ordinance lowers the number of owners who must join in the "in-favor" vote (state law requires 50 percent and Vallejo requires 30 percent).

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It will also allow CCRC to extend the district boundaries and the term of the CBD. As the process moves forward, there will be selected meetings and surveys for stakeholders and the general community. When these activities are scheduled, the public will be notified by email and there will be a posting on the CCRC website.

[CCRC WEBSITE](#)

Click on the link below to view the current district map.

[DISTRICT MAP](#)

Board of Directors

- Buck Kamphausen, President
- Tom Bartee, Vice President
- Tom Pezzuto, Treasurer
- David Fischer, Secretary
- Ken Ingersoll, Director
- Mike Brigandi, Director
- Chris Platzer, Director
- Erin Bennett, Director
- Jim Barcewski, Director
- Annette Taylor, Director & Liaison City of Vallejo Economic Development Div.

Downtown Lighting Project – Update on the

Recap

This lighting project has been through more iterations than Microsoft Windows– okay that might be a bit of an exaggeration.....

The latest iteration, by city management, is for the city to take the lead and turn the project into a public works capital improvement project. The good news is CCRC will be working closely with Melissa Tigbao, Public Works Director and Matt Herrera, Senior Engineering Technician, both of whom are strong team players with a genuine interest in the betterment of our city. CCRC is currently in the process of providing public works with lighting design specifications and then public works will review those specs to ensure they meet building, electrical and other required standards. We are hoping the lights are up by the holidays.

Free Dog Waste Bags



CCRC provides free dogie waste bags. There are 16 dispensers downtown, locations include:

- 2 on the North & 2 on South sides of Georgia – 300 & 400 Blocks
- 2 on the North & 2 on the South sides of Virginia – 300 & 400 blocks

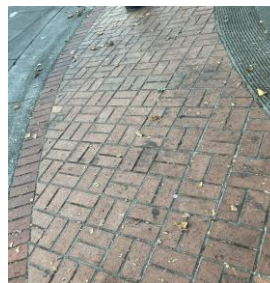
Downtown Beautification

Our maintenance crew continues to keep downtown looking sharp.



GEORGIA STREET PRESSURE WASHING

BEFORE



AFTER



GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

BEFORE



AFTER



Downtown Security

William Oropeza's Days / Hours & Phone
Tue - Fri 11:00 am - 7:00 pm **707 815-7938**

Will no longer works on Saturdays. Terry Scallion will take Will's place as the lead guard at the Saturday farmers' market. He will be using the same phone number as Will. If Terry is not working that day, the phone will be given to another officer.

Terry Scallion's Days / Hours & Phone
Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm **707 815-7938**

If you have any questions or concerns, please email ccrcvallejo@gmail.com.

Saturday Farmers' Market

Whether you are in the market for fruits, vegetables, fish, or meat, you can find your fix at the Vallejo Farmers' Market. The market is open every Saturday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, rain or shine.

This fall's seasonal favorites include cranberries, apples, pomegranates, citrus fruits, and pears. Green veggies: arugula, broccoli, spinach, kale, celery, and artichokes. Root veggies: onions, carrots, squash, pumpkin, turnips, and sweet potato.

Bring the kids on October 21st and guess the weight of the pumpkin. Go to the information booth to guess the weight. The winner will receive money that can be used for purchasing in the market.



Kudos to the COV's Grant Writer Sidney Wilson!!

The City of Vallejo was awarded a grant of \$352,000 from the State of California's Clean California Local Grants program. In this highly competitive process, Caltrans received 230 applications - Vallejo was one of 42 selected. The grant funds will be used for the beautification and cleanup of Downtown Georgia Street.

The project proposal reads as follows:

"The proposed project will transform downtown high visibility areas with the installation of new pedestrian backed seating benches to offer comfort along walkways, solar lighting to improve security and safety for all users, including anti-littering signage to support expanded cleanup events that will directly impact excessive litter and debris challenges faced by the Vallejo Community."

The purpose of the Clean California grant program is to reduce the amount of waste and debris in public spaces through a combination of beautification measures designed to enhance communities and improve public spaces for walking and recreation.

State Senator Dodd

Senator Dodd's has scheduled a meeting with the Vallejo Police Chief, City Manager and Mayor, the Solano County Administrator, Solano Sheriff, head of the California Highway Patrol (Golden Gate Div.) and Assemblymember Wilson to discuss law enforcement support by the sheriff and CHP for the City of Vallejo.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Electric vehicle charging stations are coming to the downtown. Mark Helmbrecht, COV's Transportation Program Superintendent, announced construction will begin in the downtown parking lot I at 435 York and parking lot K at 340 York on October 9th. The construction will proceed in two phases. The first phase will be completed by Electric Vehicle Charging Solutions (EVCS) and their contractor Molle Energy who will build the infrastructure associated with the chargers that the public will eventually interact with (the parts that people see as EV chargers). Following completion of that work and clean-up at each site, PG&E will follow up and install their utility infrastructure to bring electricity to each site. In between, the parking spaces will be accessible and usable by everyone just as they are now.

Molle Energy is projecting that this initial construction at these two sites will take 4 weeks. After they complete this work and reopen their construction footprint, they will shift over and implement similar improvements in downtown parking lot F at 201 Capitol and parking lot L at 432 York. Construction duration on these will be approximately 6 weeks.

For questions, concerns, or more detailed information contact

Mark.Helmbrecht@cityofvallejo.net

What's New Downtown

Napa Natural Dog Co.

After more than 2.5 years at their current location, proprietor, Gina Grant, is excited to announce they are expanding their business. Although there is no set date for the move, they will only be relocating around the corner, onto the 300 block of Georgia St. They plan to offer extended business hours and subscription services both for their full service and self-service clients as well as boxed food subscriptions.

To stay up to date, you can subscribe to their newsletter at [Napa Natural Dog Co](#) or visit them at Napa Natural Dog Co. 508 Sacramento St. Vallejo, CA 94590 (707) 563 -5441

418 Georgia Street - Future Home of Tony's Cakes

Tony Diaz, chef & proprietor of Tony's Cakes, began his pastry career at the age of 16 working for grandparents at their bakery in El Sobrante, CA. In 2013, he decided to open his own shop at 1833 Springs Rd. in Vallejo, where he has been ever since. In 2023, Tony purchased the building at 418 Georgia Street with the intention of relocating his current bakery to downtown Vallejo. He is in the process of renovating his new building.

Tony specializes in cakes but also offers a delightful array of other confections such as cookies, cupcakes, fruit tarts, and puddings so if you are planning a special event or just want to treat yourself to a delicious dessert don't forget to check out Tony's Cakes.

[Tony's Cakes](#)

1833 Springs Rd, Vallejo
707 606-8373

Mugsy's Pet Supply & Barkery

Mugsy's Pet Supply & Barkery, located at 507 Georgia Street, has recently changed ownership. Chris Powell of Powell Bros on Broadway has taken over the business.

507 Georgia Street
(707) 641-3085

Manny's Steakhouse is Relocating

Manny's Steakhouse on Springs Rd. is relocating to the waterfront. They are expecting their grand opening at the new location to take place around October 15th.

Events & Happenings



[Vallejo Main Street Costume Stroll](#)

Vallejo Main Street is sponsoring a Halloween Trick or Treat stroll on Saturday, October 28th. There will be mini pumpkin decorating in the lot next to 330 Georgia Street and candy at participating merchants. Additionally, there will be a pumpkin carving contest amongst the merchants for bragging rights.



[Visions of the Wild Film and Art Festival - Downtown Vallejo - October 12 -14 2023](#)



[Vallejo 2nd Friday Art Walk](#)

Join local merchants, street vendors, & musicians for this free event. Downtown Vallejo at Georgia & Marin Street 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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[Sprout Film Festival, A fundraiser for the ARC-Solano](#)

Join Arc-Solano for an entertaining and intriguing afternoon featuring short films from around the world, by and starring talented people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. There will be a silent auction, no-host bar, and refreshments.

Sunday, October 15th at 1:00pm, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum



[Check out the Town House Line Up](#)



[Bambino's - Family Friendly Comedy](#)

First and Third Tuesdays, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, 301 Georgia Street, Suite 122

WISHING YOU ALL A SAFE AND FUNFILLED
HALLOWEEN

