



# Downtown Vallejo

Central Core Restoration Corporation

Promoting a safe, clean, and vibrant downtown Vallejo

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## Our Office Has Moved

In March, the CCRC office moved from its former location at 301 Georgia Street to an office at the U.S.A. World Classics Event Center, 1525 Sonoma Blvd. We still have the same telephone number and email address but have a **new mailing address – 425 York Street, Vallejo, CA 94590**. Our monthly board meetings are held in the Titanic Room at 1525 Sonoma Blvd, every second Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm. The public is always welcome.

If you would like to receive a copy of the monthly agenda, please email us at [ccrcvallejo@gmail.com](mailto:ccrcvallejo@gmail.com) to be added to the circulation list.

## BID Renewal 2024

In July of 2023, the CCRC Board of Directors contracted with New City America, a Southern California company that specializes in District formation services. Since then, members of the CCRC Renewal Steering Committee have worked diligently to look at ways to expand the district and provide more funding for the type and frequency of special benefits over and above what the City of Vallejo is currently providing. The new District Management Plan is currently underway and should be ready for stakeholder review in the near future. Stay tuned, more to come.....

## **Exciting Events Coming this Summer**

As the days get longer and the weather warmer, we can look forward to spending more time outdoors and attending some of the great annual events taking place in Downtown Vallejo! Favorites, like the historic, 169<sup>th</sup>, Fourth of July Parade and the return of the Mad Hatter Waterfront Celebration & Fireworks, as well as some new and expanded activities such as Vallejo Main Street's Sip & Shop and August Summer Nights. A new brewpub is readying to open on the 400 block of Virginia Street as well as a new restaurant, located in the former City Lights building. Read on to learn more about these activities as well as CCRC's ongoing work to make Downtown Vallejo cleaner, safer, and a more vibrant place to live, work, and play.

## **Events**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** - is Earth Day and volunteers across the County will work together and participate in the Solano County's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Cleanup. There will be 10 cleanup sites throughout the County that will provide a local event for everyone to take part in. Benicia will hold the 11<sup>th</sup> event following week on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**April 27<sup>th</sup> Earth Daze** - This free event is a celebration of our planet and highlights the importance of environmental sustainability as well as opportunity for the community to come together. 10am-4pm, Virginia & Marin Streets

**May 5<sup>th</sup> - Tribute to Richard Freedman** - Comedians and musicians will generously lend their talents to commemorate and celebrate the life of Rich Freedman—a local hero, community leader, award-winning reporter, and humanitarian. Rich's heartwarming sense of humor never failed to bring smiles to our faces. 3pm, Empress Theater, 300 Virginia Street. [Purchase Tickets](#)

## **Events**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco de Mayo** - Hosted by the Solano AIDS Coalition - Celebrate Mexican Heritage and enjoy live entertainment, Ballet Folklorico, Solo singers, banda music, vendors, Mexican food, children's entertainment and more. 10am-4:30pm, Sacramento & Georgia Streets.

**May 19<sup>th</sup> Bay Area Butterfly Festival** - Hosted by the Mare Island Brewing Company - immerse yourself in the enchanting world of butterflies on the Mare Island Waterfront for a family-friendly experience. 10am - 5pm, 860 Nimitz Ave.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

**May 19<sup>th</sup> Vallejo Garden Tour** - Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum presents the annual Garden Tour. Visit 10 unique gardens featuring everything from a mature rose garden to a backyard grove of fruit trees. All proceeds benefit the museum. [Purchase Tickets](#)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Art Walk** - Sponsored by the Solano County Arts Council - At this monthly event, you will enjoy fine art, music, craft boutiques, galleries, local shops, and the great restaurants of Downtown Vallejo. 5pm -9pm, Georgia, Marin & Virginia Streets.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** - Vallejo Waterfront Small Business Monthly Market. Live music, food, vendors, drinks. Free. 12pm-5pm, 301 Mare Island Way.

**Every Saturday Year-round**- Vallejo Farmers Market, 9am-2pm, Georgia Street.

## **Events**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Visit Vallejo Board of Directors Installation & Tourism Luncheon** – Guest speaker Seamus Murphy, Executive Director San Francisco Bay Ferry. Tours of the newly renovated Courtyard by Marriott rooms. No-host bar & reception at 11am, lunch and attendance drawing at 12pm, 1000 Fairgrounds Dr.  
[Purchase Tickets](#)

**May 24<sup>th</sup> Sip & Shop** – Vallejo Main Street's spring social event. Savor a selection of wines and beers while enjoying a leisurely stroll through downtown Vallejo. There will be live music, vendors, delicious food, and a free Spring photo opportunity. 5pm – 8pm, Georgia Street.

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – Pista Sa Nayon** – Celebrate Filipino culture, music, food, performances, and vendors. 11am-6pm, 860 Nimitz Ave., [For More Info](#)

**June 13<sup>th</sup> - June 16<sup>th</sup>**– 75<sup>th</sup> annual Solano Fair. 12pm-7pm, 900 Fairgrounds Dr.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** – 169<sup>th</sup> annual Fourth of July Parade. The parade starts at Tennessee St. and Broadway and takes the traditional route west to Sonoma Blvd.... then south on Sonoma ... then west again on Georgina Street ... through the beautiful Downtown to end on Georgia and Santa Clara Streets. 10am – 12pm.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Mad Hatter Waterfront Celebration & Fireworks 11am -fireworks. [For More Info](#)

**Every Thursday in August** – August Summer Nights, hosted by Vallejo Main Street. Enjoy 5 nights of celebration with live music, food trucks, artisan vendors, kid activities, and more. The fun begins at 5pm, Georgia & Virginia Streets. [For More Info](#)

## **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](mailto:ccrcvallejo@gmail.com).

## **Downtown Beautification**

At the April CCRC Board meeting, the city's Assistant Public Works Director, Oscar Alcantar, provided an update on the Clean California Local grant award, of \$352k, earmarked for the downtown. Below is an excerpt from the grant -

*"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 grant will fund the installation of**

30 New Metal Benches  
20 New Waste Bins  
30 Anti-litter Signs  
20 Plus Solar Lights  
Trash Cleanup Downtown  
Possible repair of the drinking fountains on Georgia Street

## Vallejo Farmers Market - PCFMA

Open every Saturday, rain or shine, 9am – 2pm, Georgia Street.

In addition to bringing fresh fruits and vegetables to our community, PCFMA has a fabulous website loaded with great information.

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### **Creative Ideas from PCFMA**

Did you know you can make natural sweetener at home using jujubes? Also known as red dates, or Chinese dates, jujubes are small tree fruit that was brought to the United States from Asia in 1908. They grow on a tree and have a small pit inside, like cherries, and have a soft crunchy texture similar to apples, with a subtle sweet date flavor.

Jujube purée that can be used as a sugar substitute in many recipes, like cakes, cookies, and smoothies! Keep your puree in the freezer for up to 3 months to use as needed or use it right away to sweeten up your breakfasts or desserts.

## CCRC SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IS OPEN

**The 2024 Sponsorship program is now open. Total funding available for 2024 is \$6,250 but could be as high as \$7,188. The program closes at 5:00 pm on Monday, June 3, 2024.**

Our sponsorship program is restricted to events or activities that provide significant benefit to the downtown CCRC district. Events that take place outside of the district are ordinarily not eligible. Our funding is limited, and we usually receive more requests than we can honor. However, we look forward to receiving your application and working together with the mutual goal of improving our downtown!

Click here to view/print our application: [SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION](#)

In your proposal, please clearly state the nature, date and location of your event or activity, the type of support you are seeking, and the benefit to the Downtown district. Please also include a proposed budget.

For more information contact the Downtown Vallejo-CCRC office at [ccrcvallejo@gmail.com](mailto:ccrcvallejo@gmail.com) or call 707 557-6762

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### News from the City of Vallejo

The City of Vallejo hired Beverli Marshall as interim City Manager. In approximately 6-8 weeks the City Council will decide who will be selected as the new City Manager. In addition to Ms. Marshall, the current Assistant City Manager, Gillian Haen, is also being considered for the position.

**BE A RECYCLER – HELP KEEP OUR PLANET CLEAN & GREEN**

**CITY OF VALLEJO  
RECYCLE & DISPOSAL SERVICES**

**Bulky Item Pickup**

(Couches, Refrigerators, Extra Trash, Mattresses, Washers, Dryers & Etc.....)



Did you know that you are entitled to **Four FREE** bulky Item Pickups (2 cubic yards each pickup)  
call **Recology Vallejo (707) 552-3110** to schedule your **FREE** pickup!

**Apartment Complex Managers or Home Owners Associations must make arrangements for tenants.**

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**Electronic Waste**

(Computers & parts, Fans, ALL TV's, DVD Players, Stereos, Lamps, Vacuums, Radios, Microwaves)

&

Anything with a plug...



Recycle Electronic Waste (Anything With A Plug) at Recology Vallejo, 2021 Broadway, Vallejo CA,  
**EVERY Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

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**Recology Drop Off**

Batteries (Household & Car), Oil & Oil Filters, Latex Paint, Antifreeze, ALL Fluorescent Bulbs, Cooking Oil & Mattresses



Recycle **All** the items above at Recology Vallejo, 2021 Broadway, Vallejo CA,  
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