



VALLEJO HEIGHTS *Neighborhood Association*

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GENERAL MEETING

Date: April 23, 2016
Time: 10 am - 12 noon
Place: Mira Community
Cultural Center
51 Daniels Avenue, Vallejo

Meeting Agenda

10:00 am Welcome!
Minutes
Treasurers Report
Open Forum
Business Meeting
11:00 am **Refreshment Break**
11:15 am Speaker:
Dong Yoo, Senior Code
Enforcement Officer

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Notes from The Board

At the VHNA General Meeting on Saturday, April 23, 2016, our guest speaker will be Dong Yoo, Senior Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Division (Division) works with and helps empower Vallejo residents to create, promote and maintain safe, attractive neighborhoods. The Division is now located at 2 Florida Street, along with the Community Services Section, as a unit within the Vallejo Police Department.

The meeting will be held at the Mira Community Cultural Center, 51 Daniels Avenue in Vallejo from 10 am to Noon. Refreshments and Moschetti coffee will be provided by the VHNA and its members. Please mark your calendar, and bring a neighbor, to attend this meeting to learn how Code Enforcement is structured to enforce the Vallejo Municipal Code.

Earth Day will be celebrated in Vallejo on April 16, 2016. The theme this year is "Trees for the Earth" emphasizing the importance of trees for combating climate change and filtering pollutants out of the air. For information on Earth Day activities in Vallejo see the article on Page Three of this newsletter..

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CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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Code Enforcement
Community Services
Division Commander

Code Enforcement Office
2 Florida Street–Vallejo
Phone (707) 648-4469
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Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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(707) 648-4389

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The purpose of the Code Enforcement Division (Division) is to help improve our neighborhoods and economic conditions. The Division is responsible for the enforcement of the following ordinances in the Vallejo Municipal Code:

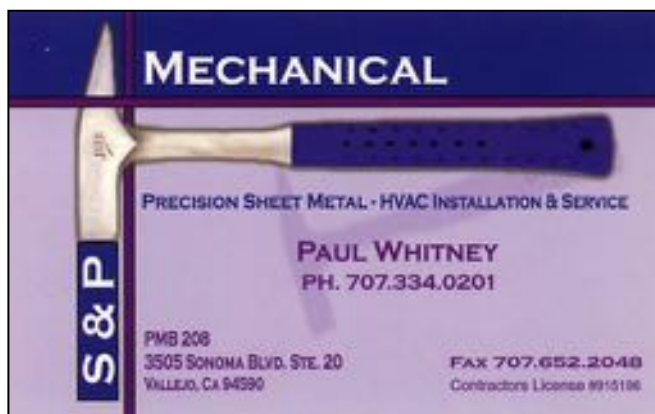
- [Property Maintenance Ordinance](#)
- [Vacant Building Ordinance \(Residential Property Registration\)](#)
- [Vehicle Abatement Ordinance](#) (on PRIVATE property)
- [Abandoned Shopping Cart Prevention Ordinance](#)

Common Code Enforcement Violations

Each year, the Code Enforcement Division responds to about 3,000 complaints pertaining to property maintenance and other related violations. The types of violations that are typically reported and inspected include:

- Junk, trash & debris on **private** properties
- Deteriorated exteriors such as roofs, fences, and sidings
- Unsecured and abandoned swimming pools
- Vehicles parked on lawns, inoperable/unregistered vehicles parked on private property
- Trash bins blocking the sidewalk, strewn in the yard, placed on the sidewalk/street or driveway, too early or left out after 8:00 p.m. on service day
- Graffiti on **private** properties
- Weeds & overgrown vegetation on developed properties
- Vacant buildings
- Abandoned shopping carts
- Inhabited trailers, illegal vehicle repair business

The Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association (VHNA) is proud to feature Associate members Happy Tails Thrift Store and S & P Mechanical in the April newsletter.



EARTH DAY–VALLEJO
SATURDAY–APRIL 16, 2016

Visit the downtown Vallejo Farmer's Market to celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 16 from 9 am to 1 pm. It's fun and free! There will be music, face painting, jugglers, and great information on less toxic approaches to controlling garden pests, water conservation and so much more! The Vallejo Watershed Alliance will also be there with creek critters from Lake Chabot.



Free Thermometer Exchange at Earth Day Event!

Bring your old mercury thermometer to the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control Booth at the Farmer's Market and receive a free digital thermometer in exchange. Since mercury is a toxic substance that can harm humans and wildlife, exchanging your mercury thermometer will ensure it doesn't wind up in the landfill or harm the environment.

Recycled Sculpture and Artwork Contest

In honor of Earth Day 2016, the City of Vallejo's Public Works Department is hosting the 6th Annual Recycled Sculpture and Artwork Contest. All prizes will be awarded at Vallejo's Earth Day event at the Farmer's Market on Georgia Street and Marin Street. Various pieces of the recycled art will be displayed in the lobby of City Hall from April 11 through April 22, 2016. It is always fun, and amazing, to see the clever and creative sculptures and artwork made from aluminum cans, plastic bags, and junk of all kinds, that would otherwise wind up in the landfill.

EARTH DAY NETWORK

The theme for Earth Day 2016 is Trees for the Earth! Our planet is currently losing over 15 billion trees each year due to deforestation, land development, and bad forest management (that is roughly 48 football fields every minute). Trees for the Earth (#Trees4Earth), is a plan to plant 7.8 billion trees by Earth Day's 50th anniversary in 2020. That is one tree for every person on the planet!

Trees for the Earth will focus on those regions of the world most affected by deforestation. In order to achieve the goal of planting 7.8 billion trees, the Earth Day Network (EDN) will work with partners from all levels of society, integrate trees into existing campaigns, and create coalitions with advocates all across the globe.

The goals for planting trees are as simple as they are important:

- Fight climate change and pollution
 - Support communities, their local economies, and their way of life
 - Protect biodiversity
 - Inspire millions of people to join us in environmental stewardship
- For more information go to: <http://www.earthday.org/2016>

Information source: VSFCD "Currents" March/April 2016 and earthday.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

LOMA VISTA FARM'S



SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016
 Florence Douglas Senior Center
 333 Amador Street–Vallejo

Adults: \$20–Children 6-12: \$15
 5 years and under are Free
Tickets Purchased at the Door–
Adults and Children: \$25
 Doors Open 5:00 pm
 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour,
 Raffle and Silent Auction begins
 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner Service

Tickets:
 Jennifer.shinar@sprint.com
 Minuteman Press, 812 Tennessee
 Klimisch's Auto, 285 Couch St.
 Use PayPal at: lomavistafarm.org

THE HISTORY of the HISTORY Of VALLEJO

**JIM KERN, LOCAL HISTORIAN,
 WILL PRESENT A LOOK AT THE
 MANY DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF
 THE HISTORY OF VALLEJO AND
 MARE ISLAND**

*At the McCune Collection (located at
 the JFK Library)
 555 Santa Clara Street in Vallejo*

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 at 2:00 pm
 No Charge



EMPRESS THEATER
 330 Virginia Street–Vallejo
 Presents

HOT HOUSE BLUES
 With
**MARK HUMMEL and
 RUSTY ZINN**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016
 7:00 pm Ticket Price: \$9.00



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