



VALLEJO HEIGHTS

Neighborhood Association

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GENERAL MEETING

Date: June 25, 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:
Maureen Clark, Master Gardner, Solano County Master Gardner Program

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Notes from The Board

Vallejo Heights offers spectacular views and also challenges for property owners and home gardeners. Hillside lots and clay soils require a different approach to landscaping than if the lots were level and the soils rich with humus. Fortunately, the Solano County Master Gardener program is a resource that provides horticultural training to interested volunteers, who share that knowledge through workshops and other presentations.

Master Gardener, Maureen Clark, will be the guest speaker at the VHNA General Meeting on **Saturday, June 25, 2016**. Her presentation at the Water Wise workshop in March was full of useful information on plant selection, soil preparation, and gardening hints. Avid gardeners, as well as less enthusiastic gardeners, will be able to ask her about drought tolerant plants, landscaping suggestions and environmentally friendly pest control.

Please mark your calendars, and bring a neighbor, to attend the June 25th VHNA meeting 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.

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Drought Tolerant Landscape

**PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING
CYCLE 4**

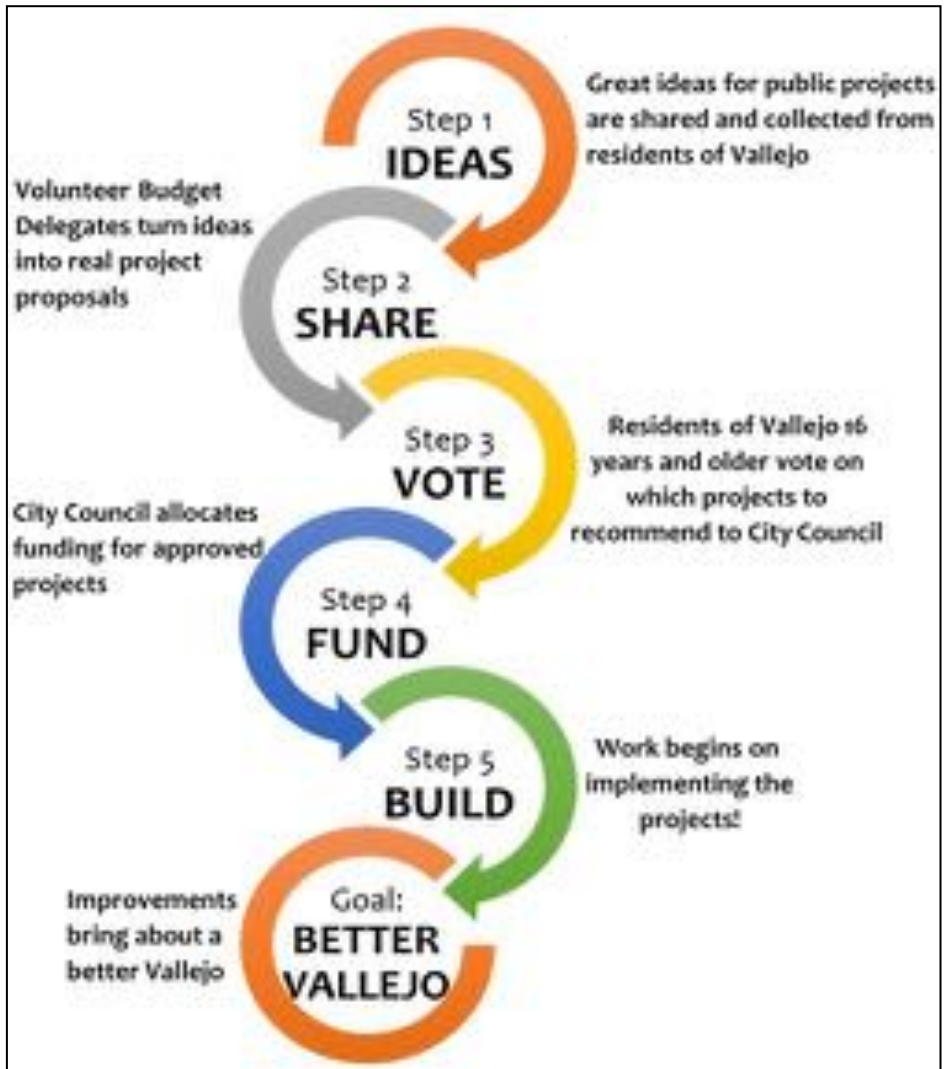
Stages of a Cycle

Each cycle has 5 stages which includes idea collection, project proposals, voting, project funding, and project implementation. Each series of stages takes us from an idea to building a better Vallejo.

The fourth Participatory Budgeting (PB) cycle launched with the idea collection phase on June 4, 2016. PB will continue to collect ideas from Vallejo stakeholders through Sunday, October 2, 2016. Ideas can be submitted at community events or online at: Open City Hall (City of Vallejo).

The Cycle 4 theme “Power of Your Voice,” and the new PB Rulebook, highlight the program’s mission to mobilize the community, increase civic engagement and improve City-resident collaboration. Community members can sign up to serve as a Budget Delegate or assist with outreach at www.pbvallejo.org.

PB is an opportunity for Vallejo residents to become engaged with the City of Vallejo to create projects and changes benefiting the City and its residents. Information source: pbvallejo.org



The Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association (VHNA) is proud to feature Business Associate members Buzz Electric and Gene’s Auto Repair in the June newsletter.

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PROJECT VOTE SMART

In 2016 there are important elections on many levels: national, state, and local. The flood of political mailers recently received didn't do much, if anything, to enlighten us about those running for office.

It is important to be an informed voter, and that is where **PROJECT VOTE SMART** (PVS) can help. PVS was created from an idea started by Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, along with 40 other national figures, as a way to build a system that enables any citizen to instantly access the facts on thousands of national and local politicians, for free. At PVS Americans young and old, conservative and liberal, volunteer their time to work together to research and compile the background and records of thousands of political candidates and elected officials to discover their voting records, campaign contributions, public statements, biographical data and work history.

In order to ensure impartial research on issues, funding is not accepted from corporations, PACs, or any organizations that support or oppose candidates or issues.

At the Project Vote Smart website: www.votesmart.org every candidate and elected official from President to local government can be easily and instantly accessed through the Voter's Self-Defense System such as:

Voting Records: Vote Smart digests key legislation in Congress and all 50 states into summaries, making it easy to compare what your representatives said during the campaign with how they actually voted on the record.

Issue Positions (Political Courage Test): The Political Courage Test accurately measures candidates for President, Congress, Governor and State Legislature and their willingness to provide voters with their positions on issues they will most likely face if elected.

Interest Group Ratings: See how over 400 national and 1,300 state special interest groups evaluate your representatives. Despite their bias, special interest group ratings can help indicate where an incumbent has stood on a particular set of issues.



Public Statements: Vote Smart is constantly collecting speeches and public comments made by the President, governors and congressional representatives. For example, type in the word 'immigration' and all public utterances containing the word 'immigration' will appear.

Campaign Finances: How much money did your representative raise and from whom?

It takes an effort to be an informed voter, but thanks to the staff, interns and volunteers at Project Vote Smart, any citizen can instantly access the facts on thousands of national and local politicians. This is a free source of important information. Please take advantage of it to become informed on candidates before you vote.

Information source: www.votesmart.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

4th ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO BAY OSPREY DAYS

Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve–Vallejo

June 24, 25, 26, 2016

Audubon Society field guide led outings, boat trips (\$35 per person) science presentations, slide shows, “fish food” for lunch

For information: 707-249-9633
www:mareislandpreserve.org



READ FOR THE WIN!
FREE—reading shows & prizes!
at the
John F. Kennedy Library
Joseph Room
505 Santa Clara Street-Vallejo
Tuesdays at 10:30 am
June 21 to–August 3, 2016

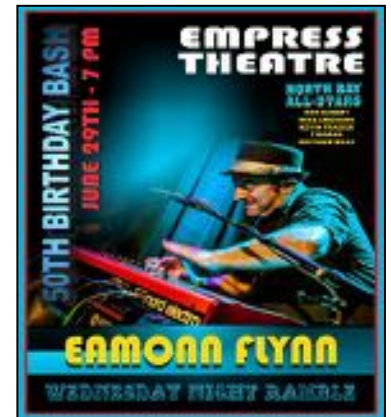
Storytime programs: Wild Things; Xtreme Science Magic; Crafts & Games; Magic with Uncle Al; Dance and Sing; Juggling & Comedy; Reptile Show; Magic Time; Storytelling & Art; Little Explorer's Petting Zoo; Ice Cream Social



Empress Theatre
330 Virginia Street–Vallejo

Wednesday Night Ramble
With
Eamonn Flynn and the North-Bay All-Stars

June 29, 2016 7:00 pm
Tickets: \$9–Free for Empress Members



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