



VALLEJO HEIGHTS *Neighborhood Association*

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GENERAL MEETING

Date: March 25, 2017

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 Presentation by
Water Division Staff

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Notes from The Board

The City of Vallejo is proposing an increase in water rates to address the need for adequate funding of the water system, and repairs to water infrastructure. The Water Fund is intended to operate as a fully self-funding enterprise and the water rates paid by customers are intended to fully fund the operation of the Water Division.

At the Saturday, March 25, 2017 VHNA General Meeting, staff from the Water Division will make a presentation on the proposed water rate increases and drought surcharge, why the increases are necessary and the current state of the water system.

The VHNA General Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the Mira Community Cultural Center, 51 Daniels Avenue in Vallejo from 10:00 am to Noon. Refreshments and Moschetti Coffee will be provided by the VHNA and its members. Please mark your calendar to attend this meeting, and also bring a neighbor, to learn about the proposed water rate increases and drought surcharge.

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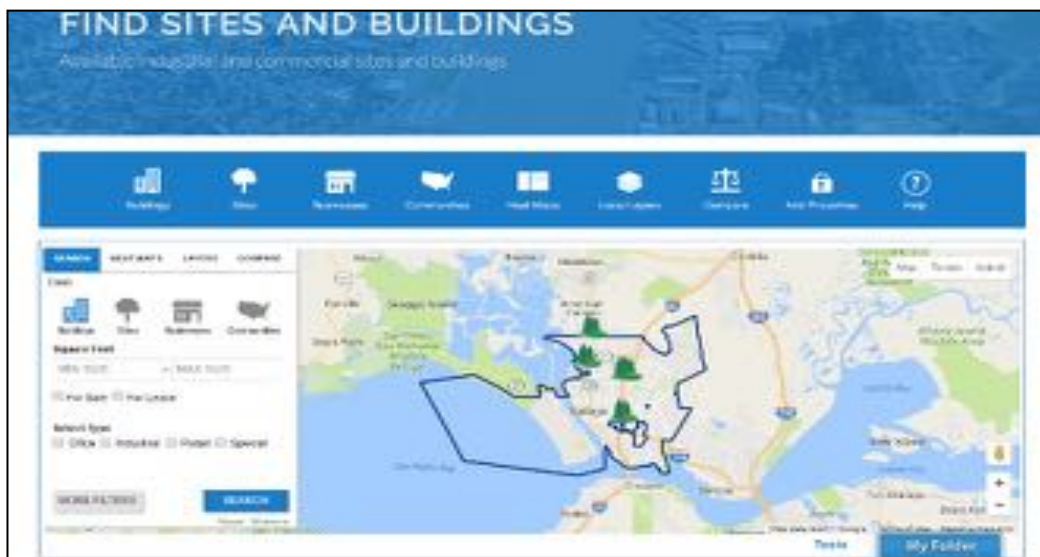
CHOOSE VALLEJO WEBSITE LAUNCH

The City of Vallejo has launched a new website, ChooseVallejo.com to promote the local economy and provide a powerful tool for the community, as well as businesses seeking to expand, relocate, or start-up in Vallejo. The website provides a powerful GIS mapping system, property database and full-spectrum business intelligence to empower and attract businesses and individuals.

In addition to real estate information, ChooseVallejo.com is also an excellent source for data, with user-friendly tools allowing users to research and analyze demographics, consumer spending, talent pool, workforce infrastructure, transportation, housing, business and industry. The intuitive tools and data infographics are very visual, allowing users to map, chart, and graph complex data to make it easy to use and interpret. Research can be easily exported, emailed or shared on social media networks.

ChooseVallejo.com will be the centerpiece of a series of outreach and engagement campaigns to highlight the talent, location and opportunities that exist in Vallejo and will serve as a permanent resource that works 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for the community .

Information source: City Manager’s Report, March 3, 2017



The Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association (VHNA) is proud to feature these two VHNA Non-Profit Associate members in the March newsletter. Vallejo Symphony’s office is located at 714-A Marin Street in Vallejo. Mailing Address is P O Box 568 Vallejo, CA 94590 707 643 4441 (Office)



VALLEJO BRANDING COMMUNITY SURVEY

The City of Vallejo and Visit Vallejo, along with other partners, are working with North Star Destination Strategies to determine the best way to communicate what makes Vallejo special to visitors, residents and businesses.

In order to do that North Star has developed a customized Community-wide Online Survey—*Vallejo Community Survey*. The survey has been carefully crafted to determine Vallejo's strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities. All who live and work in Vallejo are invited and encouraged to participate in this important community-wide initiative.

The survey can be found on the City of Vallejo, Vallejo Chamber of Commerce, Visit Vallejo, Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) and Times Herald websites. Surveys can be completed online and submitted electronically. Printed surveys are also available at Visit Vallejo Visitors Center in the Ferry Terminal, Vallejo City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Solano Community College—Vallejo Center, GVRD (four community centers), Vallejo Unified School District (Main Offices on Mare Island) and the Florence Douglas Senior Center. **Surveys must be completed and submitted by March 31, 2017.**

“A branding initiative survey is a useful tool to obtain input from our residents, business owners and visitors on their perspective of the City of Vallejo,” said Mayor Bob Sampayan. “As Vallejo continues to develop, branding will help with defining our city now and in the future.

To learn more about Vallejo's branding and research initiative, contact Mike Browne, President and CEO, Visit Vallejo at 707 642 3653, mike@VisitVallejo.com, To learn about North Star Destination Strategies, go to northstarideas.com.

Information source: VisitVallejo press release March 8, 2017

CALIFORNIA WILDFLOWERS

Wildflowers are predicted to be in abundance as a result of all the rain California received this winter. Here are a few places where wildflowers should be spectacular:

- North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve, February-April: An ecological reserve near Oroville (north of Sacramento), North Table Mountain is decked out in more than 100 kinds of wildflowers in a good season. Bloom starts in February and peaks in March and April. Guided tours are offered then. More details on their website, where you can also sign up for a guided tour.
- Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve, February-May. In a good year, the carpets of orange-hued California Poppies are amazing. General bloom time is mid-February and lasts through mid-May. The California Poppy is the official California State Flower.
- Hite Cove Trail, March-May: Wildflowers bloom a little later in the Sierras, following the wave of blossoms in the desert. Hite Cove Trail near Yosemite is one of the most spectacular places in the Sierras in late spring, and some say it's the best wildflower hike in California. Best time to go is March through May,



UPCOMING EVENTS

VALLEJO NAVAL MUSEUM
Presents

RICHARD GLAZIER, PIANIST

Playing a musical tour of Broadway and Hollywood musicals featuring songs written by George Gershwin, Marvin Hamlisch and others

Date: Sunday, March 19, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 Seniors and Museum Members (Only available at the door) Seating is limited.



FRIENDS OF LOMA VISTA FARM
PRESENTS

“A TASTE OF ITALY PASTA FEED”

At the

*Florence Douglas Senior Center
333 Amador Street, Vallejo*

Saturday, April 22, 2017

5:00-6:00 pm Raffle, Silent Auction

6:00-7:00 pm Dinner Service

Tickets: Adults: \$25, Children 6-12 \$15, 6 and under Free For tickets & information:

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CARQUINEZ MODEL RAILROAD SOCIETY

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2017 Show Dates

April 29 - 30

June 24 - 25

Sept. 30 & Oct 1

Nov. 4 - 5

Dec. 9 - 10

10am - 4pm

Requested Donation -

Adults \$4, kids are free



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