



VALLEJO HEIGHTS *Neighborhood Association*

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GENERAL MEETING

Date: May 27, 2017

Time: 10 am - 12 noon

Place: Mira Community
Cultural Center
51 Daniels Avenue, Vallejo

Meeting Agenda

"COFFEE WITH THE COPS"

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Notes from The Board

The Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association's (VHNA) General Meeting on May 27, 2017 will be a departure from the usual agenda. The VHNA is coordinating with the Vallejo Police Department to host a "Coffee with the Cops" event that day from 10 am to Noon at the Mira Community Cultural Center, 51 Daniels Avenue in Vallejo.

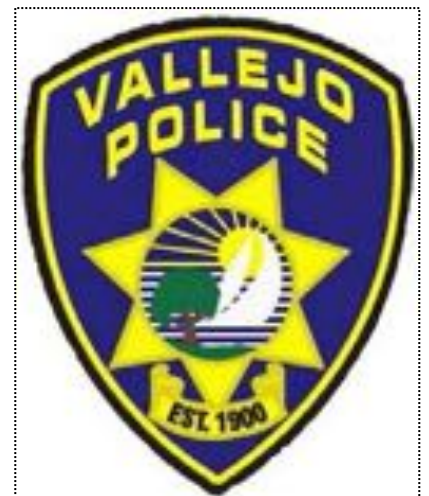
"Coffee with a Cop" was launched in Hawthorne, California in 2011, as a way for the Hawthorne Police Department to interact more successfully with the citizens they served each day. The Hawthorne Police Department hit upon a simple plan to break through the barriers that had been built over the years—a cup of coffee.

In less than five years, "Coffee with a Cop" events have been hosted in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded to outside the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, and Africa.

Please mark your calendars to attend the **May 27, 2017 "Coffee with the Cops" event at the Mira Community Cultural Center, 51 Daniels Avenue in Vallejo from 10 am to Noon.** There will be coffee and pastries and the opportunity to meet Police Chief Bidou and Vallejo police officers. It is also an opportunity to express your appreciation, concerns/issues and learn firsthand from the officers about the daily challenge of being a police officer.

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SAME DISTRICT–NEW NAME

The Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District is undergoing a name change to better identify the services provided.

Two recent surveys provided Vallejoans with the opportunity to vote on a new name, slogan, mission, statement, description and logo. The new name is:

Vallejo Flood & Wastewater District

Over the next few months, the new name and logo will begin appearing as decals on the District’s vehicles, uniforms, business cards, newsletter, etc.

The mission of the District is to make Vallejo a safe and healthy place to live and work by keeping the city’s wastewater and stormwater free from pollution.



LESS TOXIC GARDENING

The home garden is a perfect place to grow organic fruits and vegetables. You can omit or limit the use of pesticides that would be harmful to beneficial pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

Biological Control is the use of natural predators such as lacewings, praying mantis and ladybugs to control aphids and other pests.

Cultural Controls are practices that reduce pest reproduction and survival. Changing irrigation practices can reduce over-watering that could damage plants and encourage pests.

Water can be sprayed on plants to remove aphids, and white flies. Tomato hornworms can be removed by hand and destroyed by dropping in soapy water.

Insecticidal Soap is also a less toxic approach to pest control in the garden.

The Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association (VHNA) is pleased to feature these two VHNA Business Associate members in the May newsletter.

Solano Dermatology Associates is located at 2290 Sacramento Street in Vallejo (707-643-5785).

Moschetti Coffee is located at 11 Sixth Street in Vallejo (707-556-9000).

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PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING–CYCLE 4 VOTING RESULTS

The City of Vallejo announced the Participatory Budgeting (PB)–Cycle 4 voting results on May 4, 2017 at the PB vote results party. The record breaking Cycle 4 Vote drew 4,216 voters, more than any previous cycle. The PB vote is the culmination of a 12-month process in which Vallejo residents and community members submitted, evaluated, researched and developed proposals for the PB Ballots

The top voter approved projects totaling \$1 million will be included in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 proposed budget and presented to the City Council on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm. For the first time, all projects and vote results will be presented to the City Council. City staff will work with implementing partners to develop contracts for the approved projects.

Project Title	Funding Requested	Votes
Street and Pothole Repair	\$ 400,000	2354
9-1-1 Emergency Call Center Equipment	\$ 400,000	1466
Local Parks Improvements	\$ 275,000	1407
Fixing Pets and Feral Cats for Better Health	\$ 50,000	1054
Safer Streets - Bike Lanes & Markings	\$ 130,000	920
Afterschool for Youth: Websites, Apps and Robots!	\$ 25,000	878
Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming Measures	\$ 400,000	869
Great Outdoors! Trails, Bike & Fitness	\$ 175,000	839
Water Break Repair Equipment	\$ 400,000	769
Air Monitoring Network for Hazardous Materials	\$ 150,000	711
Afterschool S.T.E.A.M. Machines	\$ 50,000	702
Help for Families Dealing With Addiction	\$ 50,000	695
Debt Free Vallejo	\$ 50,000	675
Break the Cycle: Math Development for Most At-Risk	\$ 40,000	606
Firefighter Youth Academy	\$ 50,000	551
Afterschool: Mindfulness and Yoga Class for Youth	\$ 35,000	492
Mare Island Way Flagpoles Improvements	\$ 165,000	400
Afterschool: Do You Want To Be A First Responder?	\$ 25,000	296
Drought Tolerant Landscape Demonstration Garden	\$ 50,000	281

Information source: City of Vallejo press release

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IS THE



UPCOMING EVENTS

**14th ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR
SUNDAY MAY 21, 2017
10:00 am TO 4:00 pm**

*Visit nine beautiful gardens!
Master Gardeners on site!
Garden vendors, plant sales,
information and displays at
Fresno Street between Zoey
June and the Basement
Tickets: Museum members \$35
General Public/Day of Tour: \$40
Purchase tickets at Vallejo
Naval Museum, Zoey June and
Vallejo Ferry Terminal*



VERISMO OPERA PRESENTS

CARMEN

*At the Bay Terrace Theater in the
Mira Community Cultural Center, 51
Daniels Avenue in Vallejo*

*Performance dates:
Saturdays, 7:30 pm on May 28,
June 3, 10, 17, 14
Sundays, 2:00 pm on May 28, June
4, 11, 18, 25
Tickets call: 707-864-5508 or online
brownpapertickets.com
General Admission \$25
Students and Seniors \$20*



LOMA VISTA FARM'S

SPRING FESTIVAL!

*May 20, 2017—11 am to 3 pm
150 Ranier Street-Vallejo*

*Come to visit the farm!
Admission is FREE!
Activity tickets only 50 cents!*

*See the animals!
Ride the train!
Food and Plants for sale!
Lots of fun on the Farm!*



Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association

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