



VALLEJO HEIGHTS *Neighborhood Association*

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HOLIDAY POTLUCK MEETING

Date: December 12, 2015

Time: 10 am - 12 noon

Place: Mira Community
Cultural Center
51 Daniels Avenue, Vallejo

Meeting Agenda

10:00 am Welcome!
Treasurers Report
Open Forum
Business Meeting

11:00 am **Potluck**

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Notes from The Board

During the months of November and December there will be much to do during the holiday season. Please note that the Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association (VHNA) will not have a General Meeting in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The next VHNA meeting will be on Saturday, December 12, 2015 for the annual Holiday Potluck meeting. It will be held at the Mira Community Cultural Center, 51 Daniels Avenue in Vallejo, from 10 am to Noon. Please see Page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

At the October 24, 2015 General Meeting the Board of Directors (Board) for 2015-2016 were elected and are listed below. We want to thank Michelle Whitney, who served as Board Secretary, and will continue to represent the VHNA on the Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee. We also welcome Arturo Murillo, who is joining the Board as Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015-2016

Patricia Gatz, President
Andreas Schmidt, Vice-President
Arturo Murillo, Secretary
Elaine Paurel, Treasurer
Kathleen O'Sullivan, Member at Large
Yolanda Thruston, Member at Large



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING VOTE RESULTS–CYCLE 3

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a different way to manage public funds and to engage people in government. It is a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget. It enables taxpayers to work with government to make the budget decisions that affect their lives.

Vallejo residents have shown their support for Participatory Budgeting by volunteering to serve on the Steering Committee and Budgeting Committee. For Cycle 3, Michelle Whitney was the VHNA representative serving on the Steering Committee. Michelle enthusiastically volunteered many hours to make Participatory Budgeting a success and to provide a way for residents to participate in bringing forth their ideas for projects to enhance Vallejo. Thank you, Michelle!



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING VOTING RESULTS FOR CYCLE 3

PEOPLE PROJECTS:

After school Sports Program - Soccer & Basketball - \$50,000

Vallejo Firefighter Youth Academy - \$50,000

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS:

Waterfront History Arts Park - \$395,000

U Help Vallejo Kids Win - After school Tech Program - \$240,000

School Roads Repair - \$265,000*

* - Partially funded with all remaining funds from the \$1,000,000 allocation.

VHNA HOLIDAY POTLUCK MEETING

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015 from 10 am to 12 NOON

WHERE: MIRA COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER, 51 DANIELS AVENUE in VALLEJO

Mark your calendars to come to the last VHNA meeting of 2015. A short business meeting will allow plenty of time to enjoy the VHNA members' wonderful potluck dishes. The VHNA will provide Moschetti coffee, tea, plates, cups, napkins and cutlery. Bring your special holiday dish to share or use the following suggestions for something to bring: If your name ends in A-G (a main dish), H-M (a salad), N-S (a desert) T-Z (chips, dip).

Also, please bring unexpired can goods to donate to the canned food drive.



SANDBAGS

During the winter, Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District supplies free sand and burlap bags to residents in the greater Vallejo area, and provides instruction in filling and stacking bags. Free sandbags are available at the District's sandbag station, located at 45 Solano Ave., west of Sonoma Blvd. The station is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The station is open mid-October through mid-April.



Follow instructions on the sign by the gate to enter. Sand and bags are free. You may wish to purchase plastic sheeting to put under the sandbags at your home. At the sandbag station, you'll find instructions on how to fill a sandbag and how to properly build a sandbag wall. For more information, call (707) 644-8949 ext. 200 during regular business hours.

After hours or on weekends, the sandbag station is opened if there is a high demand during a major storm. To find out if the sandbag station is open, you can call (707) 644-8949. The after-hours answering service will take your request and give it to an on-call staffer, who will call you back and let you know if the station is open.

This year, in expectation of a wet winter, sandbag stations will be established in these additional locations:

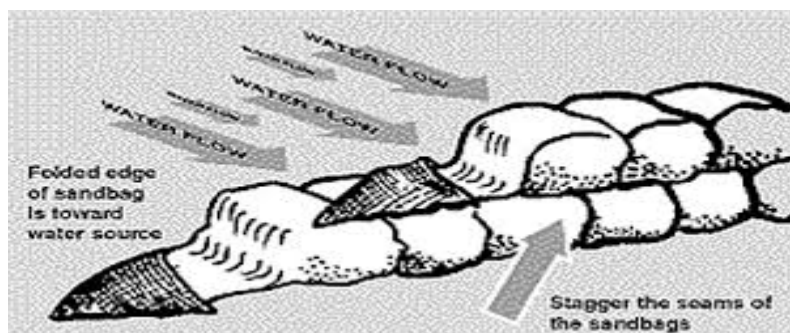
- Vallejo Marina: in parking lot between Marina Office and Zio Fraedo's restaurant.
- Curtola Parkway: at the boat launch next to the former bait shop across from the Marina Vista Apartments;
- Hiddenbrooke Park: at the end of Alder Creek Road, at the park entrance;
- Fire Station #27: on Ascot Court off Columbus Parkway (across from Lowe's Home Improvement Center).
- White Slough: Head west on Yolano Drive from Sonoma Blvd., turn left on Enterprise.

PREPARE FOR THE RAINS

Start now to prepare for the winter rains and prevent flood damage during the rainy season. Here are some must do items:

- Clean out gutters and downspouts on your house and garage.
- Remove trash and leaves from street gutters to prevent clogging storm drains and flooding.
- Keep the drainage system (creeks and culverts) of your property free of debris.
- Clear dead trees, limbs and vegetation that may block a drainage system.
- For homes with basements install flood shields or barriers above the base flood elevation.

Information source: Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District



UPCOMING EVENTS

TEDDY BEAR TEA AND HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

at the
Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum
734 Marin Street, Vallejo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015
11:00 am TO 3:00 pm
FREE EVENT!

Enjoy: Mulled Cider, Holiday Tea, Hot Chocolate and refreshments, Holiday Music and a visit with Santa! There are Xmas Crafts and more for the family!

For information: 707.643.0077

www.vallejomuseum.org



VALLEJO CHORAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY CONCERT THE JOY (La Alegria)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th...7 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th...3:00 pm
at the

First Presbyterian Church
1350 Amador Street-Vallejo

A performance of Stephen Chatman's "Carols of the Nativity" with brass choir in a festive candle-lit holiday concert, directed by Andrew Brown, Artistic Director

Student \$10; Senior \$15, Adult \$20



MAD HATTER HARVEST FESTIVAL In

Historic Downtown Vallejo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

1:00 pm Mad Hatter Festival (In front of JFK Library)
4:30 pm Holiday Parade
6:00 pm Tree Lighting
6:30 pm Lighted Boat Parade (Free Activities)
For information: 844-344-8793
www.HatterVallejo.com



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Mira Community Cultural Center, 51 Daniels Avenue in Vallejo

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AND NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The VHNA values the support of the following Business and Non-Profit Associate Members that are located in Vallejo. They provide a variety of services that are valuable to the Vallejo community. The VHNA hopes that you will take advantage of the services they provide. Place pages 5-6 in your phone book or address book for quick reference to these services.



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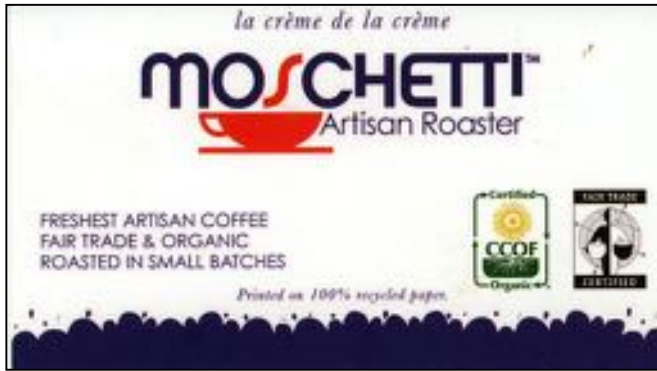
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