



VALLEJO HEIGHTS *Neighborhood Association*

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GENERAL MEETING

Date: October 22, 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 Speakers:

Fire Chief Jack McArthur and
Fiona Strykers, Assistant Public
Work Director-Maintenance

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Notes from The Board

The City of Vallejo (City) has placed Measure V on the November 8, 2016 ballot to make permanent the current one percent sales tax approved under Measure B, which is scheduled to expire March, 2022.

In order to reach out to Vallejo residents to provide information and answer questions regarding Measure V, the City has offered to send representatives to neighborhood, organization and community meetings.

The VHNA is pleased to accept this opportunity and has scheduled **Fire Chief Jack McArthur and Fiona Strykers, Assistant Public Works Director-Maintenance** to be the guest speakers at the **VHNA General Meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2016.**

Please mark your calendars, and bring a neighbor, to attend the October 22nd 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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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.

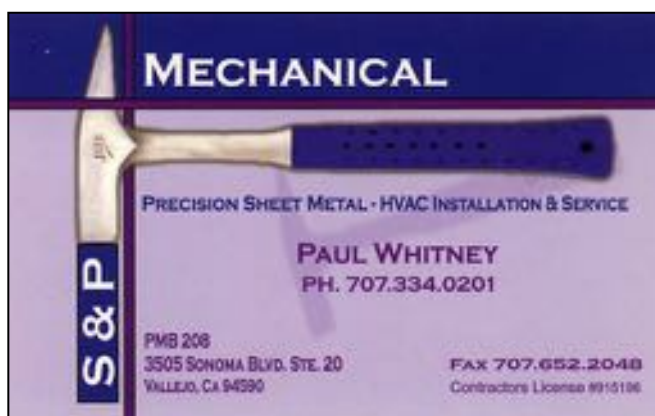
This year, during major storms, sandbags will be available at the following additional locations. (please call 707-644-8949 first to see if these extra stations are open):

- 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.

*D.I. Aggregate Management on Mare Island has generously donated sand to the District for our free sandbag program. The company provides sand to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and PG&E for large fill projects. Regional Manager Ron Peterson feels this is a perfect opportunity to assist the Vallejo community and be a good neighbor. The Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District is very appreciative of their generosity and support!

Information source: Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District

The Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association (VHNA) is proud to feature S & P Mechanical, Business Associate Member and Happy Tails Thrift Shop, Non-Profit Associate Member, in the VHNA October newsletter.



UPPER LATERAL PROGRAM

Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District’s Upper Lateral Program helps offset the costs of repairing or replacing private sewer pipes for property owners in the greater Vallejo area. Evaluations must be performed **before** the work is done. Owners must submit a Pre-Evaluation Questionnaire for approval. After you have filled out the form, read the Program Acknowledgement, fill in your address, sign, and mail, email or fax to VSFCDD.

Application Instructions: The application, called the **Pre-Evaluation Questionnaire**, is used to determine whether you are entitled to be reimbursed for work on your upper lateral, which is the sewer line from your house to the edge of your property.

- 1) include the date when sewer service to your house was installed. Sewer service was generally installed when the first house was built on your property.
- 2) indicate the recent problems you encountered with your sewer. Plumbers bills or photos should be attached as proof.
- 3) identify the cause of blockage in boxes on the left and the number of occurrences on the right. The number of occurrences for the three causes listed should add up to the answer of question two.

Read the Program Acknowledgment, fill in your address, sign and mail to VSFCDD. We will then perform a field evaluation and determine if you qualify for the program. If you qualify for the program, we will determine the amount of reimbursement you are entitled to and will inform you via email.

Reimbursement Values for Owner Initiated Repair

The following reimbursement values are estimates for owner initiated sewer lateral repairs which have complied with procedures and criteria for evaluation for owner initiated repairs and have been determined to be eligible for reimbursement upon completion of the repair.

Length Range of Lateral (Center of Two-Way Cleanout to Center of District Cleanout)	Reimbursement Amount (Per Foot)
0 to 5 ft .	Lump sum of \$250
5 to 10 ft.	\$50
10 to 20 ft.	\$45
20 to 30 ft.	\$40
30 to 40 ft.	\$35
40 to 50 ft.	\$30



- Upper laterals in excess of 50 feet in length shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$25 per foot for each additional foot beyond 50 feet.
- 6” upper laterals shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$10 per foot in addition to the reimbursement according to table above, and based on the entire length of the lateral
- The part of the upper lateral requiring a trench 5 feet deep or deeper for installation shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$10 per foot in addition to the reimbursement according to the table above.

Reimbursement may be made for cleanout installations. 2-Way Clean-outs shall be reimbursed at a lump sum of \$400. District Clean-outs shall be reimbursed at a lump sum of \$500

Reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of a paid invoice from a properly licensed contractor, if one was retained by the owner to perform the repair and installation. At no time will the reimbursement exceed the formulaic amount provided for in the ordinance. In cases where no paid invoice is provided, the reimbursement shall not exceed the amounts determined using the formula in the table above.

Reimbursement will not be made until after the installation has been inspected and approved. Your sewer bill must be current (no monies owed) and the District has received either: 1) A paid invoice for the work, or 2) The owner has presented a written request for reimbursement in cases where a properly licensed contractor was not retained.

For information and forms: vsfcd.com/programs/upper_lateral_program; call Gustavo Silva, Associate Engineer at (707) 644 8949 ext 236, GusSilva@VSFCDD.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

LOMA VISTA FARM'S

**HARVEST FESTIVAL
(Fun on the Farm!)**

Saturday, October 22, 2016
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
150 Rainier Street-Vallejo
lomavistafarm.org

FREE Admission
Activity Tickets only 50 cents

- Buy Pumpkins
- Food & Plants for Sale
- Arts & Crafts
- Ride the Train



**NIGHTMARE
ON
GLENN STREET**

at
**CHILDREN'S WONDERLAND PARK
360 GLENN STREET-VALLEJO**

Monday, October 31, 2016
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
FREE EVENT!

- Hay Maze
- Haunted Hallway
- Trick or Treating (6:00 pm)
- Bounce House
- Costume Contest (5:00 pm)

For Info: gvr.org or 707 648 5317



WILD in the CITY

Presentation by
U. S. Forest Service Staff
Sunday, October 16--2 pm
At the
**McCUNE COLLECTION
JFK Library
555 Santa Clara St.-Vallejo**

An informative and lively presentation celebrating the natural world of animals and plants, often overlooked, that live in our urban and suburban settings



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**November 2016: No Meeting
December 10, 2016: Holiday Potluck Meeting**