



# VALLEJO HEIGHTS *Neighborhood Association*

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VHNA Garden at Sheveland Park in Vallejo Heights

## **GENERAL MEETING**

Date: September 24 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:

Dina Tasini, Manager,  
Planning Division

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## *Notes from The Board*

After several years of public workshops, meetings of the General Plan Working Group, Economic Vitality Commission and work by consultants Placeworks and Opticos Design, the process to develop the Draft Vallejo General Plan and Draft Sonoma Blvd. Specific Plan is nearing completion. The associated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was available for public review and comments until September 7, 2016.

**Dina Tasini, Manager of the Planning Division, will be the guest speaker at the VHNA General Meeting on September 24, 2016.** She will provide information on the schedule for the Planning Commission and the City Council to review and adopt the Plans and the certification of the EIR.

Please mark your calendars, and bring a neighbor, to attend the September 24th 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. This is a great opportunity to learn from Ms. Tasini how the Draft General Plan will shape the future and development of Vallejo, extending to 2040.

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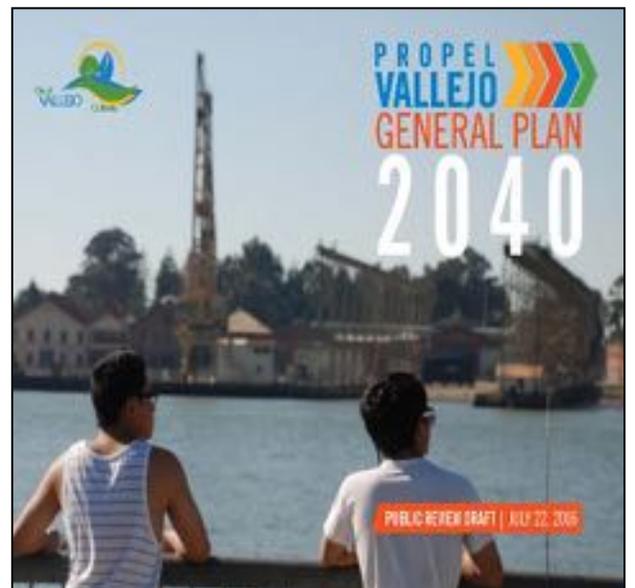
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## EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

It was two years ago, at 3:20 am on Sunday morning, August 24, 2014 when a 6.0 earthquake slammed into the Napa-Vallejo area! The earthquake was centered near American Canyon within the West Napa Fault zone, causing damage to homes and buildings in Napa and Vallejo. Since that date, devastating earthquakes have happened in many areas of the world. In 2008 the United States Geological Survey predicted a 63% probability that a magnitude 6.7, or greater, earthquake could strike the Bay area sometime in the next thirty years. The following are things you can do now to be prepared for the next earthquake in the Bay area.

**Check for hazards inside your home:** You don't want to have heavy pictures, mirrors, light fixtures, etc. hanging over beds, couches or where people sit. Place them elsewhere attached with special hooks and strong cord to hold them in place. Also, quake hold, a museum putty, is good for holding these objects against the wall and can also secure pottery, vases, china and glasses from falling and breaking. Use brackets to attach wall units, bookcases and other tall furniture to wall studs. Brace overhead light fixtures to prevent them from falling.

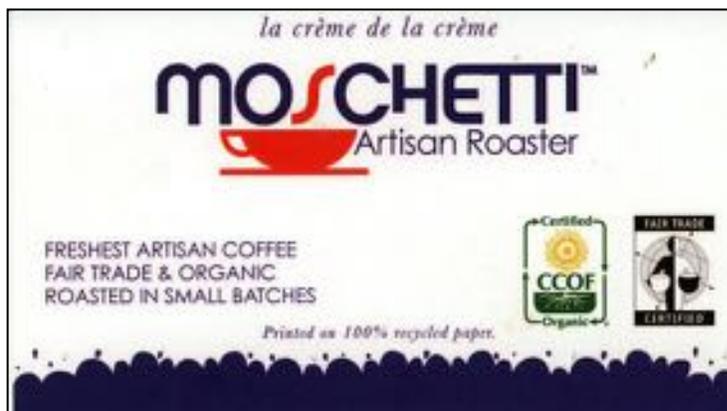
**Create a Disaster Preparedness Plan:** Develop a plan with your family and go over it on a regular basis. Identify places to take cover in your home such as a sturdy desk or table and practice "drop, cover and hold on". Be prepared for shaking and falling objects. Keep a pair of socks and sturdy shoes in a plastic bag under your bed since there may be broken glass on the floor. Also, keep a flashlight, cell phone, and car keys where they can be easily found. Learn first aid and put together a comprehensive first aid kit.

**Other Items:** Store one gallon of water per person per day, include water for your pets, for at least three days. Change the water every six months. Keep ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, juices, and vegetables with a manual can opener. Store enough peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, trail mix, and dry and canned pet food for at least three days. Think of what you will need if you are not at home when an earthquake happens, such as telephone numbers, cash, and alternate routes to get home.

There are many websites that provide information about earthquakes, and how to be prepared, such as: [www.conservation.ca.gov](http://www.conservation.ca.gov), [www.quake.abag.ca.gov](http://www.quake.abag.ca.gov) (there is a South Napa Earthquake Portal on the ABAG site with recommendations for residents and local governments). The United States Geological survey website is: [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov). The handbook "Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country" is available to download in pdf form at: [earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/nca/prepare](http://earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/nca/prepare)



The Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association (VHNA) is proud to feature Moschetti Coffee, Business Associate Member and Vallejo Symphony, Non-Profit Associate Member in our September newsletter. Moschetti Coffee is located at 11 Sixth Street-Vallejo (707-556-9000). Vallejo Symphony's office is at 714-A Marin Street-Vallejo (707-643-4441).



## COASTAL CLEANUP DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

### Volunteers Needed for Coastal Cleanup Day!

Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District is proud to announce that the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual California Coastal Cleanup Day will take place on Saturday, September 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at twenty locations throughout Vallejo. Volunteers will remove trash and debris from creeks, lakes, marshes and shorelines throughout the area. Join thousands of other volunteers across the state for the largest volunteer day on the planet!

This vital community-building event takes place every September, encouraging residents to clean up their local shorelines, rivers, creeks, lakes and inland waterways. Across the state, California Coastal Cleanup Day is a partnership between the California Coastal Commission, Rubios, non-profit groups, cities, agencies and counties. Last year in Vallejo 796 volunteers picked up more than 12,000 pounds of trash and recyclables.

### **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

*What is needed?* Cleanup Volunteers

*When?* Saturday, September 17, 2016 9:00 a.m. to Noon

*Where?* Find a site near you by calling (707) 645-8258 or email [info@ValcoreRecycling.org](mailto:info@ValcoreRecycling.org) or show up that morning at 42 Harbor Way for your spot

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you are under 18, you will need a parent or guardian to sign a waiver form before participating. All cleanup supplies will be provided, but volunteers should wear sunscreen, sturdy shoes, a hat and work gloves. If you have them, bring a bucket and reusable water bottle. When you check in at your cleanup location, you will be given trash bags, latex gloves and a data card to tally collected items.

This year's local cleanups are made possible through the active participation of the cities and counties of Solano and Yolo, the California Coastal Commission, Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District, VALCORE Recycling, Recology Vallejo, and the Greater Vallejo Recreation District. **PLEASE REGISTER AT 645-8258!**

Information source: Press Release from Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District

Thousands of tons of garbage wind up in the oceans yearly! Almost 60 percent is composed of plastic material (46,000 individual pieces of plastic litter for every square mile of ocean!).

Plastic lasts a very long time in the ocean and is very hazardous to marine life. Because of ingesting plastic particles, over a million birds, 100,000 seals, turtles and whales, and an immense number of fish are killed.

Coastal Cleanup Day encourages everybody to take part in the effort to clean up the beaches and control the problem of garbage winding up in the ocean, on the beaches and in vulnerable wildlife that forage for food in the ocean.

Please take part in Coastal Cleanup Day and help make the beaches and oceans a clean and safe environment!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CARQUINEZ MODEL RAILROAD SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE

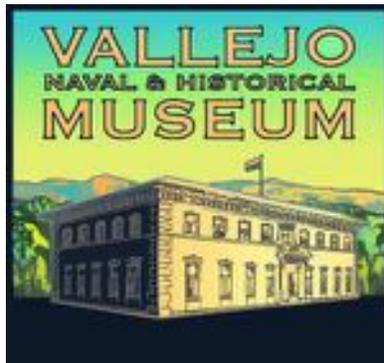
Saturday, October 1 and Sunday  
October 2, 2016 from  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Entry donation is \$4 per adult  
Children under 16 are free with paid  
adult  
Located at 645 Loring Avenue,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Crockett, CA  
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the Southern Pacific Main Line from  
Oakland, California to Sparks,  
Nevada. Over 400 switches and  
1,900 feet of track, and much more!



## FREE GALLERY TOUR TO HIGHLIGHT VALLEJO'S MARITIME and NAVAL HISTORY

Saturday, October 15, 2016, 1:00 pm  
734 Main Street–Vallejo

Jim Kern, Director of the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, will lead the tour and provide the interesting historical background of the various exhibits located in the gallery.



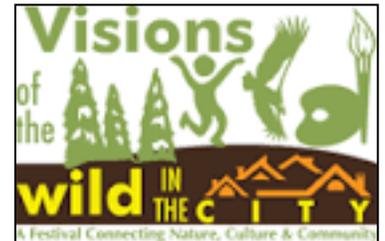
## VISIONS OF THE WILD Film & Arts Festival 2016

### OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, September 15,  
2016 at the Vallejo Naval and  
Historical Museum,  
734 Marin Street–Vallejo

6:30 pm Refreshments, Music  
7:30 pm Introductory Remarks  
Poetry Reading by Genea Brice  
Presentation:  
"Foraging the Urban Wild"

This reception is FREE and open  
to everyone!



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