



VALLEJO HEIGHTS *Neighborhood Association*

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GENERAL MEETING

Date: September 23, 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 Speaker:

Dan Keen, City Manager

Adjourn

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Notes from The Board

Autumn 2017 in the Northern Hemisphere (Pacific Time) will begin on Friday, September 22 and end on Thursday, December 21. This progression into the winter months includes a period of Indian Summer weather, usually September through October.

While changes are occurring in the seasons, changes are coming to Vallejo City Hall also Dan Keen, City Manager since 2011, will be retiring in November, 2017. The City of Vallejo is starting recruiting efforts for a new city manager.

Mr. Keen has been an advocate of connecting with the various associations and groups in Vallejo and has annually been a guest speaker for a VHNA General Meeting. We are pleased that Mr. Keen will be the guest speaker at the **VHNA General Meeting on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Mira Community Cultural Center, 51 Daniels Avenue in Vallejo, from 10:00 am to Noon.**

Please bring a neighbor with you to attend the meeting and meet Mr. Keen. Refreshments and Moschetti Coffee will be provided by the VHNA and its members.

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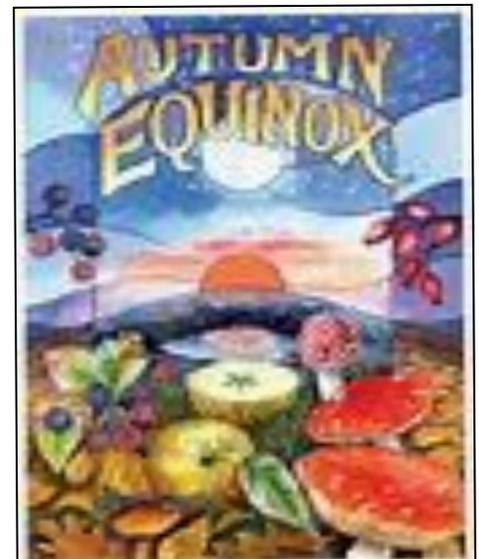
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LOMA VISTA FARM'S MASTER PLAN

Loma Vista Farm (Farm) was built in 1974 and for more than four decades has been a special place for Vallejo residents, students, seniors, and special needs groups to enjoy a mini-farm experience on its five (5) acres. The chickens, goats, cows, horses, ducks, rabbits, peacocks, etc. have given school children across the bay area an opportunity to interact with them. In addition, the vegetable garden produces tomatoes, onions, green beans, herbs and a lot of pumpkins! A trip to Loma Vista Farm can be exciting, fun and educational as well!

The Master Plan is a project designed to update and modernize Loma Vista Farm, replace and renovate deteriorating buildings in order to create a safe and healthy environment for the farm animals and farm visitors. The goal of the Master Plan is to allow technical advances (mobile devices, Wi-Fi access, laptops, and computers) to effectively support the education values of the Farm.

The design of the Farm will allow for conservation of water use, recycling and composting, and energy efficiency with the use of alternative energy sources like solar. The time has come to invest in the Master Plan to ensure that the Farm continues to benefit the community, school children and visitors of all ages.

Currently, \$2.8 million is needed to be raised to fully fund the entire Master Plan. A major fundraising effort is underway. Donations large and small are needed to make the Master Plan happen. For more information on the plan and how you can help, go to: www.lomavistafarm.org and click on Master Plan. Loma Vista Farm is a special place in Vallejo; let's help it continue!



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NEW CITY
 REALTY

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

MECHANICAL

PRECISION SHEET METAL - HVAC INSTALLATION & SERVICE

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LESS TOXIC PEST MANAGEMENT FOR FLEA CONTROL

Flea season typically begins in early May and reaches its peak in late summer and early fall. While there are flea control products available, it is also helpful to use less toxic controls to eliminate fleas in the house and on cats and dogs.

Comb your pet with a metal flea comb. Focus around the neck and base of the tail. Use a container of soapy water to dip the flea comb and drown the fleas.

Vacuum frequently to pick up adult and egg-stage fleas on carpets and furniture.

Use borate-based carpet treatments. Borates have a low toxicity to human and pets. Fleanix carpet treatment can control fleas in carpeting for up to a year.

Restrict pets to a regular sleeping space to focus cleaning on fewer areas.

Use washable bedding that can be gathered up by the four corners and launder frequently. Soapy water destroys all flea stages.

(Temperatures below freezing will kill adult fleas. They die within five days at 30.2 degrees)

Information source:
www.lpm.ucdavis.edu

LESS TOXIC PEST MANAGEMENT FOR ANT CONTROL

Ants are most likely to enter homes in cold, wet conditions, typically in the winter in Northern California. A smaller peak in the level of ant infestation occurs during hot, dry conditions -- typically in August and September. To deter ants from entering your house, there are some non-toxic things you can do:

- Keep floors, countertops and cabinets clean and free of clutter.
- Keep food containers tightly sealed, especially those used for storing sugar and honey.
- Clean up food spills immediately...especially fruit juice or sugary foods.
- Never leave dirty dishes in the sink.
- Seal cracks and crevices around doors and windows.

1) Try white vinegar mixed with equal parts of water in a spray bottle--spray around baseboards and other entry points.

2) Peppermint is a natural insect repellent; ants hate its strong smell. Sprinkle some dried peppermint around doors, entryways, and garbage areas to repel ants.

Information source: www.ijsrp.org; www.stanford.edu



UPCOMING EVENTS

VALLEJO NAVAL MUSEUM
734 Marin Street–Vallejo
Presents

“HAVE BAG WILL TRAVEL”

The program features a museum collection of antique gowns and accessories (ball gowns, day dresses, wedding gowns, etc) modeled by volunteers.

Sunday, September 24, 2017

2:00 pm to

4:30 pm

Tickets:

\$30 under

60; \$25

over 60

Buy at the

Museum

or at the

door



SOLANO LAND TRUST
Nature Hike at
King-Swett Ranches

Saturday, October 7, 2017

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Guided by Trust docents

No cost to participants; must

RSVP to www.solanolandtrust.org

Explore hills between Fairfield,
Benicia and Vallejo on ranches
usually closed to the public.

Learn about the birds and wildlife
of the area!



Radio Theater at the Black Box!

The Mira CCC Presents:

“THE ENTERPRISE INCIDENT”

October 14, 21 at 7:30pm; 15, 22 at 2pm
51 Daniels Ave, Vallejo

Starring Luke Winders, Dianna Maynard,
Zack Bender, Glenda & Scott Hanes

\$25 Caberet - \$12 General - \$10 Members/Senior

For Tickets Call: 415-328-4833



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