City Receives Investment Rating Boost

The City is proud to report that the financial services company, Standard & Poor’s, has raised the City of Vallejo’s investment rating from BB- to BBB- with a stable outlook. This equates to a three step jump, which equates to the City has been moved out of the “speculative-grade” category and has returned to having an “investment grade” rating. Having an investment-grade category rating means potentially improved investment or borrowing opportunities.

S&P’s report states that the increase reflects the rebounding local economy, improved revenue performance, and the City’s budget flexibility. S&P also gives the City of Vallejo a “stable outlook” and approves management’s efforts to reduce ongoing operating expenses, including the reforms to Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) costs.

Code for America Update

Several Police Department and City Manager’s Office staff attended two invitation only event at the Code for America headquarters in San Francisco on June 10.

The first event, a session comprised of several cities to discuss safety and justice, was attended by the City’s of Vallejo, Indianapolis, Oakland and Richmond, along with the Fellows from both the City’s focusing on public safety, Vallejo and Indianapolis. The bulk of the discussion was focused on identifying what trust and mistrust look like between the police department and the community.
A second event in the evening, BETA, was also an invitation only event that showcased the eight cities and the APPs, API’s and project prototypes that each of the Fellowship teams are creating. The second annual event was well attended by city partners, funders/donors, and other tech related businesses.

View Vallejo’s presentation by Fellows Andrew Schneider Jasmyn Latimer and Nikki Zeichner below.

The full program can also be viewed on the event website here.

**Personnel**

**New Hire**

**Jason R. Goltiao, Housing Specialist**

Jason recently joined the Vallejo Housing Authority (VHA) as a Housing Specialist. He will serve both Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) holders and landlords to ensure the City’s HCV holders have decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

In 2008, he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Urban Studies & Planning from UC San Diego. From 2010 to 2015, he served in a dual-role as an environmental strategies coordinator and youth development coordinator at Fighting Back Partnership. He brings to the VHA his public health expertise working to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse, especially amongst Vallejo’s young people. Jason is a proud husband, father, and Vallejoan, and is passionate about working in the community.

**United States Police & Fire Championships 2015**

Officer Stephanie McDonough competed in the 2015 United States Police and Fire Championships held in San Diego last week. An avid swimmer, Office McDonough won three gold medals for competing in the 50- and 100-yard breaststroke, and the 100-yard individual medley. She was also awarded a
silver medal in the 100-yard freestyle event and a bronze medal in the 50-yard freestyle event. As an added bonus, Officer Stephanie McDonough is now the new record holder for the 50-yard breaststroke, beating the previous record by two seconds. The Vallejo Police Department is very proud of her accomplishments and how well she represented the department and the City of Vallejo.

**Employee Recognitions**

**Code Enforcement**
Code Enforcement Officers David Sidie, Lorena Burciaga and Administrative Clerk Carmen Cole received accolades during the months of April, May, and June. Officer Sidie received a letter from a resident thanking him for making “the neighborhood look better.” Officer Burciaga was described as “terrific” and was thanked for the great job she did. Resident Gwen L. thanked Carmen for her prompt handling of their Free Neighborhood Dumpster application, and encouraged her and all Code Enforcement staff to “continue to be positive and provide pleasant service to the community.”

**Building Division**
Building Division Secretary Livian Ellis received an appreciation “in recognition of the wonderful, friendly and highly professional service,” wrote Elaine F. “Ms. Ellis, who patiently walked me though the online process to gather critical permit information, also directed me to other city services that proved helpful. I know we often take time to complain, however, great service and good people deserve notice. Thanks for your customer oriented service and the wonderful people on your team.”

**Community**

**Rising Sun**

For the second year in a row this summer, Rising Sun Energy Center’s California Youth Energy Services (CYES) program will provide Vallejo residents with no-cost energy and water conservation services through a partnership with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), the City of Vallejo, and local water districts.

In 2014, Rising provided no-cost energy and water conservation services to over 240 residents located in the City of Vallejo. CYES trains and employs local youth ages 15 to 22 to become Energy Specialists who serve Vallejo residents with Green House Calls—all at no cost to residents.

At each Green House Call, Energy Specialists:

- perform an energy- and water-efficiency assessment,
- install energy-efficient lighting, water-efficient showerheads and faucet aerators,
- perform a toilet leak detection test,
- perform a solar assessment,
- provide e-waste pick-up and disposal,
- offer tips on recycling and energy and water conservation to save money on utility bills
- give an energy-conscious gift from Rising Sun Energy Center
CYES provides services to all community members regardless of income, with a focus on serving hard-to-reach residents, including renters, low-to-moderate income households, and non-English speaking residents. The program helps cities reach their Climate Action Plan targets and do their part to address California’s drought.

Green House Calls will begin June 30 and run through August 6, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Residents are encouraged to reserve their spot now and can contact CYES today by calling (510) 665-1501 ext. 5 to schedule a Green House Call or may sign-up online at http://www.risingsunenergy.org/content/greencall.html.

Code Enforcement Community Outreach

The Code Enforcement Division continued their Community Outreach at the 29th Annual Vallejo Pista sa Nayon. The festival, one of the largest Filipino-American festivals in the nation, was held on Saturday, June 6, on the Waterfront. Hundreds of people visited the booth and were given fliers, various program information, applications, and City of Vallejo swag. Staff answered questions, promoted the division’s new programs and related resources, and accepted resident complaints and concerns. The festival was free, for the entire community, and included various vendor and agency booths, food, music entertainment, and more.

VSFCD Encourages Less Litter

The Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District would like to offer the following tips to help residents reduce trash and litter:

- Pack in, pack out. Make sure every piece of tin foil, plastic, wrappers and napkins find their way back into the cooler or backpack. It’s easy for these items to blow away and litter an otherwise lovely trail, park or beach.
- Use reusable items whenever possible. Pack water and juices in reusable containers on outings, bring cloth napkins, and real plates and utensils outside to minimize waste and save money.
- Get kids involved! Make a game out of picking up all the trash.
- Do a final check. Never leave the beach or a picnic area—or even the backyard—without first checking to ensure every item has been picked up. Litter on the trail or road can easily end up in a storm drain.

For additional tips on preventing stormwater pollution, visit www.BayWise.org.

Building Division

Construction Update
The Harbor Park apartment complex, located at 969 Porter Street, is under construction to modify 42 units. An extra story, which consist of an additional bedroom and bathroom, is being added to the existing two story structure.
A Community Center, which will feature a swimming pool, state of the art fitness center, education center and other educational programs, is also under construction for this community.

City Attends Event on Early Childhood Development

On Thursday, May 28, Economic Development staff Alea Gage and Annette Taylor, as well as Economic Vitality Commissioner S.Bre Jackson, attended the Solano Economic Development Corporation breakfast event, co-sponsored by First 5 Solano.

Commissioner Jackson, reflecting on the event, said “the featured speaker, Dowell Myers, Ph.D., presented a new outlook of future generations and the connectivity to economic sustainability and community investments. The analysis reflected the building blocks of a new social contract based on demographic assumptions which focus on children and the potential shift in priorities needed for future California public policies. Vallejo is well on its way to increase services and programs that aid existing businesses in solid business growth, as well as understanding new business markets’ requirements.”

At the conclusion of the event, First 5 Solano recognized community leaders who make contributions to early childhood education with the 2015 Pre-K Business Champion Awards. The City congratulates Annette Taylor of the Economic Development Division, who was a recipient of the award.

Statistics

Planning Division

During the period May 26, 2015 through June 5, 2015, the following inquiries were processed:

- Zoning Questions: 41
- Building Permit Application/Sign-offs: 35
- Business License Sign-offs: 27
- Planning Application Questions: 25
- General Property Inquiries: 19
- Code Enforcement Complaints: 10
- Miscellaneous Requests: 6

During the period May 26, 2015 through June 5, 2015, the Planning Division sent the following public notices:

<table>
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<th>Project Description</th>
<th>Project Location</th>
<th>Staff or Commission Decision</th>
<th># of Notices Sent</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tentative Map Extension</td>
<td>Oakwood Ave. at Matthew Ct.</td>
<td>Planning Commission</td>
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<td>Shell Station Store &amp; Carwash</td>
<td>708 Admiral Callaghan Ln.</td>
<td>Staff</td>
<td>10</td>
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Building Division Update

For the month of May 2015, the Building Division has processed the following:

- Issued 215 permits with a total valuation of $4,709,152
- Collected permit fees in the amount of $251,672
- Provided over-the-counter service to 299 customers

Developing Vallejo Division Webpages

Central Permit Center

Building Division

Economic Development Division

Engineering Division

Fire Prevention

Planning Division
**Engineering Division**

During the month of May, the following Public Works permit applications were processed:

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<th>Permit Type</th>
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<td>Excavation Permits</td>
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<td>Encroachment Permits</td>
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<td><strong>TOTALS</strong></td>
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Please visit the Central Permit Center webpage for additional information about City permits.

** Beautifying Vallejo  

In most of these cases, the City’s team of employees representing the Neighborhood Law Program (NLP), Community Service Section (CSS), along with Code Enforcement, Building, and Fire Prevention Divisions work together to fight blight and nuisance activity in an effort to restore the beauty of Vallejo and increase the quality of life for Vallejo residents, businesses and visitors.

**Compliance**

**3301 Sonoma Boulevard**

A warning notice was issued for overgrown vegetation and trash along the side of the building. With some progress made, at re-inspection another notice was issued extending the deadline for compliance. The property was brought into compliance with the extension and the case was closed.

**2900 Webb Street**

The City conducted a proactive inspection for trash, dry and dead vegetation. A warning notice was issued and compliance was secured.

**Inoperable Vehicle Abatement**

The Code Enforcement Division addressed 62 inoperable vehicles on private properties during the month of May.

**2200 Redwood Street**

There were multiple complaints about overgrown vegetation at the new restaurant. The owner of the business was contacted and compliance was secured.
840 Springs Road
There was a large amount of trash in the front of the property. A warning notice was issued and contact was made with the property manager. Compliance was secured.

264 Exposition Drive
A warning notice was issued for trash in view and compliance was secured by the re-inspection date.

1000 Louisiana Street
A notice was issued after the team received a complaint of dry, overgrown vegetation. Compliance was secured by the re-inspection date.

Code Enforcement Division’s Monthly Statistics
During the month of May, the following cases were open and active:

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<td>Proactive Cases</td>
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<td>Complaint-Driven Cases</td>
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<td>Vacant/Foreclosed Property Registration Cases</td>
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<td><strong>Total Number of Inspections Conducted:</strong></td>
<td><strong>669</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Free Neighborhood Dumpster Applications Approved:</strong></td>
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1332 Louisiana Street
The City conducted a proactive inspection for overgrown, dry vegetation in view. A warning notice was issued and the property was in compliance by the next re-inspection.

165 Simonton Street
A notice was issued for high, dry weeds in front of the property. Compliance was secured by the next re-inspection.
City Council Recognizes LED Conversion Project

During the June 9 City Council meeting, a representative from PG&E presented a $539,000 rebate check to the Mayor and City Council for the recent conversion of 7,206 streetlights to energy-efficient LED lighting throughout the City. The project ran from August 18 through December 31, 2014.

Public Works Maintenance Division employees from the Grounds, Streets, and Traffic sections received training and were dispatched daily in teams to install the new LED streetlights. Completion of the project not only resulted in the rebate from PG&E, but will also provide continuous annual energy savings to the City of $300,000.

The City thanks Public Works Department employees Jacob Barlow, Julie Bell, Nick Causbrook, Robert Cole, Josh Davidson, Jose Gamez, Matt Herrera, Josh Lewis, Ben Meno, Brian Slavik, Sean Taylor, Chris Wadsworth, and Tom Wright for their hard work.

Police Department Communications Center Upgrades

The Vallejo Police Department’s communication center recently underwent a significant upgrade to its “911 System.” The previous system was in desperate need of repairs and system upgrades. Over the last several months, outdated and defective phone lines were replaced to accommodate the new equipment and software upgrades. New monitors were also added to compliment the new interface and to handle the graphic imagery that the new system offers.

Upgrades also include a new “Quality Assurance Maintenance Program.” Provided by AT&T, the maintenance program ensures that the V.P.D. communications center has a dedicated and trained technical service representative on call who is prepared to address any technical issues that may be encountered by the center at any time. The program is crucial in the event the center encounters any communication issues that would prevent it from responding to the needs of the community.

The cost of the new system and repairs to the 911 System was covered by a $300,000 grant from the 911 Emergency Communication Branch of the State Department of General Services.

PG&E Former Vallejo Manufactured Gas Plant

During the period of June 1 through June 12, waste removal activities were performed at the former Big Bay Boat and RV Storage property for the PG&E former Vallejo manufactured gas plant investigation project.
Futures List

The Future Agenda Items lists are used exclusively by City staff as a draft working document for planning and tentative scheduling of agenda related items and does not represent any final dates for placement and presentation to the legislative body (City Council, Housing Authority and/or Successor Agency). The list provided is an abbreviated version including only the most significant policy and action items. The list is subject to change by staff and may not represent all items that eventually will appear on any given final meeting agenda. Follow this link to view the Future’s List.

Planning Commission

Approved Projects
At their June 1, 2015 meeting, the Planning Commission heard a presentation from Lennar Mare Island about the status of projects and clean-up efforts on Mare Island. This was an informational item, so no action was taken by the Commission.

Upcoming Projects
Upcoming projects tentatively scheduled to come before the Planning Commission include:
- Tentative Map Extension on Oakwood Avenue
- A Use Permit for a Karaoke Club at 501 York Street
- A Use Permit for a wine tasting room on Walnut Avenue on Mare Island
- A Use Permit for on-sale alcohol at 901 Redwood Street
- A Use Permit for on-sale alcohol at 3885 Sonoma Boulevard
- A status update on the Zoning Code Update

Events

*Note: Events are subject to change. Please visit the City Calendar located on the City’s Website for the most up-to-date information.

Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 16 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joseph Room, JFK Library

Vallejo Housing Authority Meeting
Tuesday, June 23 at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers

Code Enforcement Appeals Board Meeting
Thursday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers
The City of Vallejo is eager to connect with residents, businesses and stakeholders. There are many ways to communicate and connect with City staff. The following describes the number of people signing up to communicate with the City and one another.

*Note: The City began using a sign-up sheet in January 2013. Currently, 10,962 people receive City Communications via e-mail.

### City Communications

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### SeeClickFix Report

During the period of May 5 to May 27, the following issues were reported:

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<td>Graffiti &amp; Tagging</td>
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<td>Homeless Encampments/Squatters</td>
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### City Social Media

The City provides updates utilizing a wide range of Social Media: