



UNWANTED MEDS

Don't throw expired or unused drugs down the drain or in the garbage. Medicines (including ones for pets) that are flushed or poured down drains can pollute the Bay and could be dangerous if left in your house. You can easily dispose of them the right way. Vallejo residents, here are your options:

Free medicine take-back boxes are available at the Kaiser Vallejo 24-hour pharmacy (975 Sereno) and the Walgreens 24-hour pharmacy (1050 Redwood at Broadway).

Or, bring your unwanted medicines to the Vallejo Police Department Collection Site at 111 Amador Street. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free. (707) 648-5346

Or, pick up a free pre-paid mailing envelope at the Vallejo Flood & Wastewater District at 450 Ryder St. Fill envelope at home and drop in nearest mailbox. Get your envelope Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (707) 644-8949



COMMUNITY RESTORATION PROJECT

The California Coastal Commission recently awarded grant funding to implement a community-based restoration project at Lake Dalwigk. The funding was awarded to the Solano Resource Conservation District, in partnership with Vallejo Wastewater, GVRD, and the Vallejo Watershed Alliance.



In 2012, Vallejo Flood & Wastewater District completed a significant project on the lake to increase flood protection, improve wildlife habitat, and reduce some of the vegetation maintenance. This resulted in the islands and deeper channels seen today.

The restoration project will continue improving the lake area by installing a diverse array of carefully selected native plants, including 2,200 shrubs, 240 trees, over 27,000 rushes, sedges, and grass plugs, and up to 8 acres of wildflower and grass seed. The new vegetation will provide cover and food resources for migratory birds and local wildlife. New dog waste stations, a water fountain and interpretive stops around the lake will be included as well.

Work should start in spring 2018. There will be opportunities for volunteers to participate in the planting. These will be announced through the Vallejo Watershed Alliance website and email list. Please sign up for the list or visit the site at www.VallejoWatershedAlliance.org.

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PROJECT UPDATES

The Skibbereen Monteith Storm Drain Improvement Project is scheduled to begin in April 2018. The project includes approximately 1,000 feet of new 24-inch storm drain pipelines on Fleming Avenue between Skibbereen Lane and Monteith Drive.

Vallejo Flood & Wastewater District is currently in the process of updating its Storm Drain Master Plan. The Master Plan identifies future needs and projects to reduce flooding and related impacts.

The Quincy Alley and Sutter Street Sanitary Sewer Rerouting Project started construction. This project will replace 550 feet of 8-inch sewer pipe and will resolve maintenance and flow issues.



SAVE YOUR PIPES, DON'T FLUSH WIPES!



Many household cleaning products are labeled and marketed as disposable; many baby hygiene products are labeled both disposable and flushable. And while these products are convenient, the truth is that wipes (household, cleaning, baby, facial cleaning, etc.) have the ability to clog up not only your sewer pipes, but also can cause blockage and service problems in our District's sewer system and pump stations.

Unlike toilet paper, these products don't break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in sewer lines, especially older pipes that may have grease, roots, or other obstructions.

On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system, they collect together and cause clogs in sewer mains and get tangled in pump stations, requiring repair and even expensive replacement of equipment.

Remember, the only things that should be flushed are body wastes and toilet paper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

San Francisco Bay Flyway Festival

February 9-11, 2018

Mare Island

Celebrate migration and nature at the festival! Wildlife expo, bird walks, and more. For details visit www.SFBayFlywayFestival.com.

Vallejo Watershed Alliance Events

The Alliance is a community-based volunteers group that hosts monthly habitat restoration projects and creek cleanups throughout the year. For current events and activities, visit www.VallejoWatershedAlliance.org.

