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SANDBAG STATION

During the winter, the District supplies free sand and burlap bags to residents in the greater Vallejo area, and provides instruction in filling and stacking bags. Sandbags are available at our sandbag station, located at 45 Solano Ave., west of Sonoma Blvd. Follow instructions on the sign by the gate to enter.

This year, the station will open on Monday, October 16. It will stay open through mid-April. Normal operating hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See Announcements on the back page for details on our Free Sandbag Day on Saturday, September 21.

For more information, call (707) 644-8949 ext. 1702 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.



IMPORTANT BILLING CHANGE

As of July 1, 2017, the District changed the way we bill our customers. Instead of billing every two months, the fees will be moved to your property tax bill, which is sent out once a year and can be paid in one or two installments. After July 1, 2017, your fees will be added to your property tax bill. Property tax bills occur once a year, so you will have one or two (if you pay twice a year) large payments instead of six small ones. You will pay the total tax and fee bill to Solano County, just the way you've always paid your property tax charges.



Our Customer Service commitment to Vallejo remains the same. If you have a question about your service or your charges, you can still reach us:

- Visit our website at www.VallejoWastewater.org. On the left menu (What Would You Like To Do?) click on "I am a Customer and I want to View/Pay My Bill." You'll find more information about this change, as well as a link to Frequently Asked Questions.
- Have more questions? Visit our website at www.VallejoWastewater.org and use the Contact Us button in the upper right corner of the home page. Under Billing Questions you'll see a link to an online form where you can write your question.
- Call our Billing Hotline at (707) 644-8976.

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PROJECT UPDATES

The design of the Mare Island Sewer and Water Main Replacement Project is nearing completion. The project will bore under the Mare Island Strait using horizontal direction drilling approximately 2,800 linear feet to install a new water and sewer line in to separate bores.

Construction is expected to start in early 2018.

The Quincy Alley and Sutter Street Sanitary Sewer Rerouting Project is expected to start construction in September. This project will replace 550 linear feet of 8-inch sewer line, manholes, and laterals. The Engineers estimate for construction is \$296,725.

The Hargus/Banning Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project is expected to start construction in October/November. This project will replace 8,365 linear feet of 8-inch sewer line, manholes, and laterals. The Engineers estimate for construction is \$836,755.

The Quincy Alley and Hargus/Banning projects will reduce District maintenance efforts and reduce infiltration of groundwater into the sewer system.



NEW SIGNAGE IN HANNS PARK



Thank you, Leadership Vallejo!

For more than ten years, the Vallejo Watershed Alliance has worked to enhance the Hanns Park/Blue Rock Springs Creek Corridor. Over the past five years, the Solano Resource Conservation District expanded those efforts to encompass large habitat restoration projects. Invasive species have been removed and the area has been replanted with native trees, shrubs, and large swaths of native grasses and wildflowers.

This year, the Alliance partnered with Leadership Vallejo Year 10 volunteers to create and install numbered sign posts along the path so that people who volunteer each month can easily locate the work sites. The new signs carry QR codes, which link to the www.VallejoWatershedAlliance.org website with information on the project and history of each area. Leadership Vallejo brought student interns at the U.S. Forest Service to help install the posts.

For more information on Leadership Vallejo and how you can get involved, visit www.LeadershipVallejo.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Sandbag Day

Saturday, October 21

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

45 Solano Avenue

Prepare for the season by getting your sandbags before the wet weather begins again!

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.

