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## It's all about Cement!

It is the policy of the Glen Cove Community Association not to be partisan in local politics because clearly, there are many points of view within our community and they must all be respected. However, not being partisan does not mean that we're not political. We are political when it comes to issues that affect our community or that have the potential to burden us with unreasonable cost or harm our environment and quality of life. Even events that occur outside of Glen Cove merit our attention if they have the potential to affect us.

The Vallejo Marine Terminal, LLC, and Orcem Cement propose to build a deep water port facility and ship products produced by a cement plant which would be located at the former site of the old General Mills flour mill. Old piers will be removed and replaced with a new deep water facility. Raw materials that would include ground glandular blast furnace slag would be delivered to the facility and the finished products would be shipped out on trucks over city streets and through existing neighborhoods.



The Environmental Impact Report (E.I.R.) notes that the project would result in significant and unavoidable impact to our air quality, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, traffic, and public safety. Project developers have not ruled out using the terminal to export coal.

After carefully reviewing the pros and cons on the project, the GCCA board has taken an official position against the project. We would like to urge Glen Cove residents to research the project by checking the city's website where you can review the E.I.R. A final E.I.R. was due out on April 7<sup>th</sup> with a final hearing tentatively scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>.

G.C.C.A. Board

**General Meeting April 21st, 7:00pm**  
Glen Cove Elementary Multi Purpose Rm  
Vallejo Police Community Services/

## Letter from the President



Hello Glen Cove. My name is Johnathan Douglas and I am pleased to have been elected your Glen Cove Community Association (G.C.C.A.) President as of January of this year. I have been a Glen Cove resident since 2010 and have served on the GCCA board for the past 3 years including 2 years as your vice president. In 2010 when my wife and I were searching for a home, we drove past the Glen Cove Parkway and asked our realtor why we hadn't looked in this area. Unfortunately, Vallejo, along with some other Bay Area cities, had a stigma which had reached my wife and me. We decided to look into Glen Cove and, as you all know, were pleasantly surprised. I still remember our second look and the day we placed an offer that three of our neighbors came out and greeted us. We swapped stories and information about the area. We were sold and moved in a month later.

My first interaction with the GCCA came 2 weeks after we moved in. I received a call about how my front yard lawn was dead. I informed the nice lady that I had lived here for 2 weeks and according to our C.C. & R.'s (guidelines and rules that govern Glen Cove) I had 90 days to remedy the situation. In a shocked voice she said "you actually read your C.C. & R.'s." She then asked if I would be interested in joining the GCCA. I declined at the time. Much of my background is in managing volunteer organizations and I understood then and even more now, how difficult it can be to get people to volunteer.

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## Let's Fight Those Weeds

The winter rains have made the landscape beautifully green and, unfortunately, have brought on an invasion of weeds. A simple definition of weed is “a plant growing where it is not wanted.” As such a rose bush growing in the middle of the lawn could be considered a weed.

Why are weeds undesirable? They compete with desired plants for space, water, nutrients, and sunlight. Many are invasive, that is, they get a foothold then take over the space and grow or multiply quickly. If that weren't enough, they may contain allergens to which many people react and they may serve as hosts to insect pests and provide cover and nutrients for pests like rodents.

Weed control is a relatively simple concept: remove the weeds and keep them from returning, however, in practice, controlling them is challenging. The California Master Gardener Handbook suggests several methods of weed control.

**Cultural methods of weed control** attempt to make the environment less favorable for weeds. For example, a patch of bare soil can be viewed as weeds waiting to sprout. The best way to avoid this situation is either for the desired plants to take up all the space or to cover the area with geotextile (landscape fabric) and/or a layer of mulch (a layer of material that does not allow light to penetrate) including wood chips, bark, compost, plastic, or stones. Cultural methods include proper soil preparation, appropriate irrigation, plant selection, and mowing height. Implementation of proper cultural controls can nip weeds, so to speak, in the bud.



**Mechanical or physical weed controls** include pulling weeds by hand, cultivation (hoeing), rototilling, dicing, mowing, or chopping. After a rain when the ground is soft, many weeds can be pulled easily by hand. A “weed popper” is a small handheld tool with a forked end that can be inserted into the ground in order to pry up the weed, roots and all. Poppers are especially useful when attempting to get rid of plants with long taproots, for example, dandelions. Other weeds like petty spurge and catchweed bedstraw can be pulled without a popper and most of the roots will come out. Another tool is the “hula hoe” which is used to scrape off the weed stem at or below the soil line. This technique must be repeated a few times as the roots remain intact until they are starved due to a lack of nutrients. Another method is to use a flamer or blowtorch to burn the weeds out of existence. This method requires the burning of fuel, usually propane, so the environmental effects should be weighed against the benefits. The use of boiling water has received mixed reviews to kill weeds. There is also the issue of the amount of fuel necessary to heat the water viewed against the number of weeds actually destroyed.

After a four-hour talk on weeds I attended, the speaker stated that if the audience members remembered nothing from the lecture except for one thing, it would be to make sure that the weeds do not go to seed.

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For example, when you see the yellow flowers of the dandelion, pick them immediately and dispose of them. The dandelion flowers turn quickly into hundreds of little seedpods that are waiting for a puff of wind to disperse them.

Soil solarization involves placing clear plastic over soil that has been loosened, moistened, and finished to grade. The edges of the plastic should be weighted down or covered with soil for at least a month and a half during the warmest months of the year. Solarization controls many types of weeds but not all.

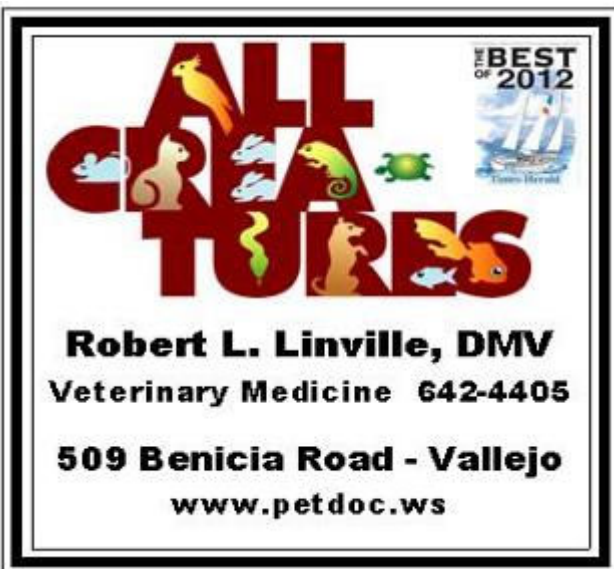
**Biological controls** employ natural weed enemies such as insects and disease to reduce the size of weed populations. This method, although possible to use, may be challenging for home gardeners.

**Chemical weed controls** include the use of organic and inorganic substances that kill plants. There are pre-emergent and post-emergent herbicides that either keep weed seeds from germinating or poison them after they have begun to grow. If you go to the garden sections of local stores you will find shelves filled with a variety of herbicides and pesticides. While they can be effective, they may kill off beneficial plants and animals as they eliminate the weeds or pests they target. Also, these chemicals get into the soil and when it rains may be washed into storm drains and ultimately into the bay. Think of the cumulative effect if gardeners in every yard in Vallejo use chemicals! The use of chemical controls should be your last resort.

For much more information, visit <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu>. Click on Home, Garden, Turf & Landscape Pests, then Weeds.

As a youngster I remember disliking pulling weeds, but as a method it can't be beaten as an environmentally friendly way to control weeds. So, after it rains, get out there and start pulling!

Ward Stewart  
UC Master Gardener-Solano



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Also, join and use "Nextdoor. Com" and Facebook to share information. Use SeeClickFix (cell phone app and website) to report problems to the city. Come to our community meetings. The next one is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> and participate in events like our garage sale which is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> and National Night Out which is set for August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lastly, the GCCA is here to help you. If you have a problem or a question that you can't get answered, ask us! Contact me via email or call my cell phone at 925-285 5873. I will always give you the best answer that I can and if I don't know the answer, we can learn together. I look forward to the next few years and hope to meet all of you at some point.

Johnathan Douglas




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*\*A legible email address is important! It is the only way we will contact you if we have questions.*

Please mail this form - along with a \$20 check made payable to GCCA to:  
GCCA Garage Sale, 164 Robles Drive #254, Vallejo, CA 94591

*We must receive payment no later than Friday, April 29, to get your address on map. No exceptions!*



Questions? Call Bobbi Kahn at 707.645.0991 or email to [bobbikahn@gmail.com](mailto:bobbikahn@gmail.com)

GCCA Garage Sale application/version 3.15



# Vallejo Admirals are Back!!

The Vallejo Admirals will be the host team of the **2016 Pacific Association Tryouts** on Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday, April 24th. The tryouts will be held at CC Sabathia Field at Vallejo High School.

All Pacific Association teams will be present, and potentially scouts from Major League Baseball teams.

Over 35 players have been selected to spring training rosters over the last two seasons from the league tryout, including the league's Rookie of the Year in 2015, and the ERA leader in 2014.

Players must be at least 21 years old to play in the Pacific Association. For the 2016 season, players must have been born on or before January 1, 1994 to be eligible.

Sign up now and save \$50! The registration fee is \$125 in advance and \$175 at the gate on the day of the tryout. Check in will start at 8:00am with warm-ups starting at 9:00am. Tryouts will start promptly at 9:30am. This tryout is competitive, however don't let that keep you from pursuing your dream. All participants will be given the opportunity to show their potential on the field.

In the event that you are not invited to spring training, you will be given a detailed scouting report on your strengths and areas for improvement. Most baseball tryouts do not give you this valuable feedback, so this is well worth the price of the tryout.

For more information contact the Vallejo Admirals at [info@vallejoadmirals.com](mailto:info@vallejoadmirals.com) or 707-641-1111.

Merchandise and other info also available on their Facebook page.

This year's schedule can be found at <http://vallejoadmirals.com/game-schedule/>

**2016 SCHEDULE**

HOME GAMES TIMES  
 Tue - Fri 6:35  
 Saturday 5:05  
 Sunday 1:05

ADMISSION  
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The calendar shows game dates from May to August, with home games indicated by a diamond icon and away games by a square icon.

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Next Door is a great way to communicate with your neighbors on crime, happenings, lost pets, and events. The Vallejo Police and Fire Departments frequently use the Next Door boards for announcements, police actions and warnings. Apps are free for iPhones and Android phones. Website sign up is at [NextDoor.com](http://NextDoor.com).

A resident of our community is taking on the position of Lead for the NextDoor app and is reorganizing the groups. There will be a general Glen Cove group as well as small development groups. If you have already signed up for Next Door information postings, you will receive an invite to your developments group. To find your development by street name, visit our website

<http://www.glencovevallejo.com/developmentstreets.html>

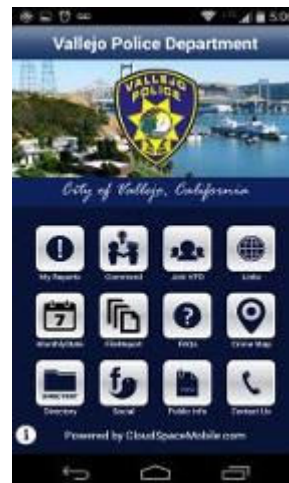




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