

## **Mail Box Thefts**

Mail thefts in Vallejo and cities nationwide spike during tax season. Here in Glen Cove in late July a woman was arrested on South Regatta with mail from 4 different residences. In early September, a couple with a mailbox master key continuously robbed a group or “gang” box, but alert neighbors got a license plate number and descriptions. Now the Postal Inspectors office is pursuing this case with vigor. If you have information on mail thieves or any type of Fraud - credit card, checks or any of your accounts have been compromised please contact Kyle Quigley:

**Kyle Quigley**  
**US Postal Inspector**  
**877-876-2455**  
**Or**  
**510-623-7437**



Photo by B. Brock on Nextdoor

It helps in tracking down suspects by tracking down computer trails. If anyone has any footage of any mail theft on their home security cameras, please contact him. Lastly, it is advised that mail theft victims should contact one of the three major credit bureaus to check for any fraudulent activity (free yearly credit report) and check credit cards and bank accounts for any unusual activity.

## **Foul Odor in South Vallejo**



The City of Vallejo communications operators began receiving calls for service around 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, with reports of an unknown odor primarily centered in South Vallejo, situated just north of the Carquinez Straits and on the eastern shore of the San Pablo Bay. Due to the unknown cause of the odor, the City issued a shelter in place order and Public Safety personnel were dispatched to investigate the source of the odor with the support of PG&E.

As the evening progressed, the odor seemed to dissipate evidenced by both fields tests and a decrease in the volume of calls into the communications center. The shelter in place order was lifted on Wednesday morning at 6:00 a.m. and it was later confirmed that two sheens, possibly oil, were present. We were then later informed about a leak that was found across the waterway at the Phillips66 refinery. To date, no entity has shared any information with City officials about a possible cause of the unknown odor.

Residents may sign-up to receive emergency notifications via phone and/or e-mail at <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BFB7CC4C6C0A> .If you have a landline you should receive emergency notifications automatically. If not, the City encourages residents to sign-up using their mobile phone or e-mail

## Candidates Night 2016

The Glen Cove Community Association once again held a Candidates Night forum at the Glen Cove Elementary School's multi purpose room. City Council and Mayoral candidates were invited to participate. Candidates gave introduction speeches, answered at least three of the committee's preselected questions in a random draw and had closing comments. The candidates then stayed for a meet and greet with the audience to answer other questions or expound on previous answers. There are three city council seats open for elections and this year the 4 year mayoral term is up for grabs. There are also three school board seats open for this election and the candidates had their own forum hosted by another group in another location. The voter guides with statements and information should have been delivered to your mailbox this week. If you have not received one, please contact the Registrar of Voter's office at: 707-784-6675.



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## PB Concludes the Idea Collection Phase

Participatory Budgeting concluded the idea collection phase on Monday, October 3, after a four month submission period. A total of 856 ideas were submitted and can be viewed [online](#). The Steering Committee reviewed ideas at the Steering Committee meeting on Thursday, September 15, and created three categories based on the type of ideas: Quality of Life (354 ideas), Programs & Services (255 ideas), and Public Safety & Infrastructure (248 ideas). All ideas submitted will be forwarded to Budget Delegates as they consider which ideas to develop into project proposals for the April 2017 PB Ballot. The City and the Steering Committee would like to thank all of the Vallejo community members who participated in the idea collection phase!



CITY OF VALLEJO  
REOPENS APPLICATION PERIOD FOR  
CULTURE & THE  
ARTS COMMISSION

The City of Vallejo is reopening the application period for the Commission on Culture and the Arts to garner specific interest from members of the City's diverse cultural institutions and communities. Vallejo residents who are passionate about preserving and celebrating Vallejo's culture are invited to submit an application and supplemental questionnaire for consideration. The Commission on Culture and the Arts was recently reestablished after a seven year hiatus. All seven seats are open for selection by the City Council. The purpose of the Commission is to provide advice to the City Council on items relating to arts and culture, such as a plan for the placement of public art and how to support cultural events. Mayor Osby Davis noted that "we had an amazing response from our Arts community, and we appreciate all the individuals who stepped up to apply. The City Council wants to make sure that the Commission also represents our rich cultural heritage, and for that reason asked to reopen the application period before we make a decision. All you have to do is look at the amazing festivals in Vallejo to see that we are home to phenomenal cultural groups, and we want to make sure they are part of the discussion." To be eligible for appointment, applicants must be residents of the City of Vallejo. Information regarding the duties of the Culture & the Arts Commission may be found in the application materials. Appointments are typically for a term of four years. Applications must be received no later than close of business on Friday, October 28, 2016. Applicants must attend the interview with City Council in order to be considered for appointment. Application forms and supplemental questionnaires are accessible in several ways:

- The City's website, located on the City Clerk's page under Boards and Commissions.
- At City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, 555 Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor, by e-mail at dawn.abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net, or by phone at (707) 648-4527
- By Mail: Write to the City Clerk, City of Vallejo, PO Box 3068, Vallejo, CA 94590

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## **Glen Cove Newsletter Featured Resident – John Fox**

John Fox has been on the Glen Cove Board for about 6 years. One of his biggest contributions has been to help pass our much needed landscape tax enhancement this last year. John states “it has been a pleasure working with professional, dedicated, and compassionate board members while serving our community.”



John has lived in Glen Cove for about 13 years as a Seascape resident, and on his development’s Home Owners Association for that entire time. For about 12 of those years he served as the president of the Seascape HOA. He has worked closely with board members, homeowners, realtors, and banks. John quickly removed squatters from his development during the economic downfall, and has made sure the properties were being maintained. The development has made a quick recovery since the downfall.

To save money, he has painted fire lanes, pulled weeds, trimmed trees blocking signs, and continuously picks up trash in common areas. For many years in an effort to save the Seascape association money he has hosted the HOA meetings in his home, along with hosting a community party.

The management company is very expensive and has presented some challenges. John has always questioned how money is being spent and how it can be saved. John's main priorities have been to maintain property values, and neighborhood safety. Because of this, he is proud to say that the Seascape HOA is doing quite well with their reserves and have kept dues low for years.

Years ago John took on a very challenging problem in his development, parking! He decided that they needed to enforce their parking C.C. &R’s ( rules), so he started a parking patrol. The streets within his HOA have been successfully cleared of parking that violates the development’s C.C. & R.’s.

Currently, John is now looking to help with our Vallejo Schools. He attends school board meetings on a regular basis. He is in his 19<sup>th</sup> year of teaching in Pittsburg. Knowing the importance of maintaining home values we must improve our schools. He feels that his experience as a board member and with devoting almost two decades of his life to education, he has the experience to also make a difference in our schools.

John Fox is a proud Glen Cove resident that has and will continue to make a difference in our community!

## **Glen Cove Elementary School Site Collaborative Team & Community Partnership**

The Glen Cove School and Vallejo City Unified School District is working to make every school in Vallejo a “Community Services” school. Below are some goals and information. If you would like to participate, please contact Diosdado “JR” Matulac, Academic Support Provider at: [dmatulac@vallejo.k12.ca.us](mailto:dmatulac@vallejo.k12.ca.us) or at Glen Cove School PH: 707-556-8491 Ext. 55939

### **School Community GOALS:**

- The school has a core instructional program with qualified teachers, a challenging curriculum, and high standards for students.
- Learning motivates and involves students on all levels. Learning occurs in school and in community settings, during and after school.
- The school addresses the basic physical, mental and emotional health needs of young people and their families.
- Parent, families, and school staff share mutual respect and cooperate effectively.
- Community involvement, together with school efforts, promotes a safe, supportive and respectful school climate.

### **SPSA GOALS: Meeting Outcomes:**

1. Improve Student Achievement - To understand the elements of a high quality school site collaborative;
2. Create Positive School Culture - To increase understanding of expectations for a meaningful & engaging Glen Cove Site Collaborative Team;
3. Involve Parents & Community - To increase understanding of Action Plan Expectations.

## Become A Master Gardener

If you enjoy growing ornamental plants or vegetables, like to increase your knowledge of horticulture, are committed to community service, and have the time, consider becoming a Master Gardener. The mission of the program is “to extend to the public research-based information, verified by UC researchers, about home horticulture, pest identification, landscape maintenance, and other environmental issues.” Master Gardeners are volunteers who provide information to the public in a variety of ways.

In order to become a Master Gardener, you must participate in a semester-long (January through April) training program consisting of classes that meet on Fridays for four hours. Class topics may include: water management, weeds, grasses, vegetable gardening, insects, landscape trees, and fruit tree management. Once the training is completed new Master Gardeners must volunteer for 50 hours during their first year. Volunteer activities include, but are certainly not limited to, collecting branches and assisting with the annual wreath workshop, tabling at Farmers’ Markets, writing blogs for Under the Solano Sun or articles for Seeds for Thought, volunteering for the annual Vallejo Garden Tour, giving presentations, assisting with the annual plant exchange, and working on the Master Gardener booth at the Solano County Fair.

After the first year Master Gardeners volunteer for at least 25 hours plus participate in continuing education activities for 12 hours annually. These activities may include taking horticulture classes, attending gardening seminars, or researching information for blogs or articles.

Many of my volunteer hours are earned by tabling at the Vallejo Farmers’ Market at the corner of Georgia and Marin Streets from 9 am until 2 pm on Saturdays. There are usually three Master Gardeners present who provide printed information and answer questions posed by members of the public. I enjoy interacting with the people who are usually plant lovers and learn a great deal from them and the other Master Gardeners. As you can tell, there are a variety of activities in which to participate and it is up to the individuals to determine which ones they wish to complete.

If you love growing plants and enjoy talking with people with similar interests, becoming a Master Gardener is probably right for you. No previous horticultural experience is required to be accepted into the program. In order to become a member of the Class of 2017, contact Jennifer Baumbach at 707-389-0645 or [jmbaumbach@ucanr.edu](mailto:jmbaumbach@ucanr.edu) to be placed on the mailing list. The application deadline for the 2017 training is 5:00 pm October 31, 2016.

Ward Stewart

UC Master Gardener-Solano



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## The Fence Along South Regatta Drive

As you drive along South Regatta Drive and look toward the water you will see an ageing wire fence with wooden posts. You may notice that portions of the fence are leaning severely and are an eyesore while other sections are in good shape. The best sections are the result of relatively recent replacement due to cars driving through the fence with the drivers' insurance footing the repair bill. In other places the fence looks all right but the posts are rotted and loose.



Members of the Glen Cove Community Association have been in discussions about the condition of the fence with California State Parks staff for most of this year. There is a question about jurisdiction, that is, does the fence lie on State Parks or City of Vallejo land? State Parks Sector Superintendent, Ryen Goering, who has oversight responsibility for Benicia State Recreation Area and much of the land along South Regatta Drive, has requested that State Parks surveyors add this fence to their list of projects in order to determine if it's on State Parks land. In the meantime, Mr. Goering stated that they will reinforce the leaning posts with metal T-posts in order to improve the look and safety of those sections of fence. In addition, he has spoken with a maintenance staff member with the City of Vallejo who stated that the City is not maintaining fences on its property or Landscape Management District land.

In an email to concerned residents, Mr. Goering stated that the fence was initially constructed by Kauffman and Broad during construction of the adjoining subdivision in order to stop 4x4 vehicles trespassing on State Parks property from the construction site. Also, the fence served to decrease the amount of trash from construction that ended up on the park property.

Mr. Goering has suggested the possibility of replacing the six-foot, wire fence with a lower, less expensive split rail fence. If you take the trail over the hill to the State Park you will see the split rail fence that was recently repaired by volunteers. Replacement of the current fence along South Regatta Drive with a split rail fence raises a number of questions. The current fence provides a barrier that limits access points to the open space land along the strait thus minimizing the number of "volunteer" trails that exist. Although the fence is not impenetrable, it does provide a barrier that may keep pets and wild animals such as coyotes separated. It helps to preserve the habitat for pheasants and other wild creatures that live there. If the current fence were replaced by split rail or, taking the discussion further, no fence at all, it would certainly change the look of the area and open up the parkland to greater access. In addition, it could be argued these two possibilities might be more attractive than the current fence, even if it were in excellent condition.

If you would like to express your opinion about these options: repair the current fence, replace it with a split rail fence, have no fence at all, or some other possibility, please send an email to: **GlenCoveVallejo@gmail.com**.

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## SeeClickFix

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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>

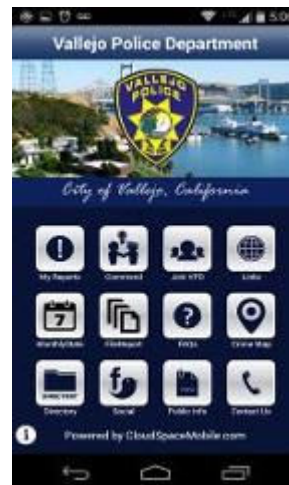


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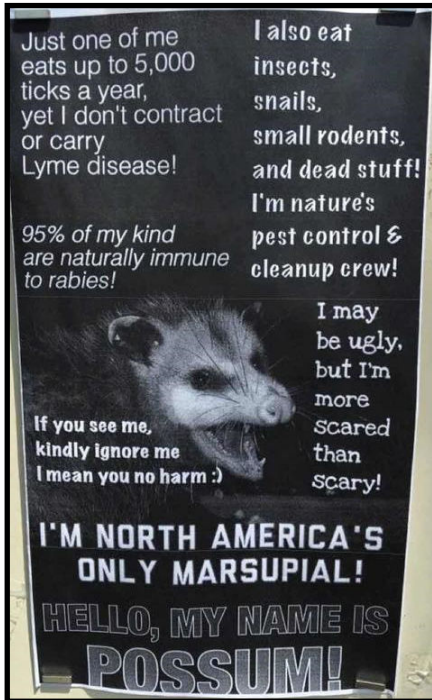








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This is a photo of the mysterious, Waterview Terrace Chihuahua affectionately called Houdini because no one has been able to catch him for 3 weeks. He is most likely lost, hungry and cold. You can follow the rescue progress and comments searching for his home under "[Lost Dog](#)" and "[Small brown dog loose](#)" on [NextDoor.com/glencoveCA](http://NextDoor.com/glencoveCA).



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Have a great photo or picture of Glen Cove?  
You can submit your entry to [GlenCoveVallejo@gmail.com](mailto:GlenCoveVallejo@gmail.com)

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