

Greetings from VMS President



A lot of great things are happening in our historic downtown (DT) community. Netflix is generating a lot of interest on Virginia and Georgia Streets with their

filming activities. The lower Georgia Street improvement project is underway and the results are very positive! The Artizen is hosting the Visions of the Wild Places in Urban Spaces for Visions of the Wild Gallery, through Sunday, October 9.

Input Needed for Holiday Event!

VMS will be launching a new holiday event in the DT. This fun contest will showcase our DT holiday spirit and all the incredible businesses, eateries, museums, historic buildings, and the art galleries/studios who call the DT their home. The trophy commissioned by Obtainium Works. **All merchants are invited to volunteer and/or give ideas at our October meeting on Tuesday, October 11 at 5:30p.m. at 235 Georgia Street in the Beeman Building.**

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Business Spotlight: The Trojanmonk Art Gallery

Initially, the Trojanmonk Art Gallery was only open during the Vallejo Art Walk on the second Friday of the month. But, the owners Hector Badillo and Chris Trujillo quickly realized they were committed to the Downtown art scene. The passion for art is deep rooted.

Hector's father was a beekeeper and Hector learned to work with beeswax as a child. He excelled at designing candles, and learned the ancient encaustic process, and using beeswax and other materials to create images. His works can be viewed at the Trojanmonk.

Chris recently completed earned his degree in Illustration, and is passionate about technique, style, color and

storytelling. Chris is a proud Marine, and spent over five years in the military; he completed one tour of duty in Iraq and two "floats" with the Navy.

Vallejo Main Street encourages the Vallejo community to visit the Trojanmonk and see what the budding artists are creating. The artists currently on display are Jonathan Hemelberg, Nick Visconte, Michele Cajés, Desiree Castaneda, Rick Weyrich and Gregg Goins (VMS President).

The Trojanmonk is a gem. Chris and Hector encourage new artists to be open, shepherds their growth, and provides a workspace. Both owners are passionate about their art and want to create a positive atmosphere for artists inside and outside the Val-

lejo area, as well as unknown artists. When you visit Trojanmonk you will understand Chris and Hector's high standard to art. Chris, Hector and Desiree vet and choose the artists who will potentially display at the gallery. They are located at 508 Sacramento Street. For additional information visit trojanmonkart.com.



Fiber in the DT

The DT Fiber Optic Advisory Board is hard at work to bring high-speed Internet access to the DT district. The City is moving quickly to establish a POP, and a RFP just went out for bids to establish this connection or to a carrier hotel to establish internet services. The DT will finally be able move forward with a Business plan summary to implement our DT Broadband initiative.

Upcoming Events

Downtown Tree Lighting, Fundraising, Wine event is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, from 6p.m. to 9 p.m. as an effort to continue the tree-lighting efforts in the DT. Other upcoming events are the [Vallejo Open](#)

[Studios](#), which will occur on Saturday, November 5 Sunday, November 6 from 11 a.m. to 5p.m., and the [Mad Hatter Parade](#) on Saturday, December 3 at 4:30p.m.

New Businesses — Hassle-free Shopping

The DT offers hassle free shopping with plenty of eateries, places to find the right gift and adequate parking. Get your Holiday shopping done early and visit these new additions to our DT community.:

- Stuff 4 Paintball at 511 Georgia Street
- Official Goods Company at 541 Georgia Street
- Flashback Music Company at 537 Georgia Street
- Hot Links at corner of Marin and Georgia Streets
- Capital City Pharmacy at 339 Georgia Street

We Need You!

Like most volunteer nonprofit organizations, Vallejo Main Street relies on a dedicated group of folks to run our programs. We currently need a Treasurer to join our Board of Directors. We would also like new community members to volunteer to help with upcoming events initiatives.

If you are interested in joining the Board or volunteering with VMS, please contact Gregg Goins at (707) 315-5282. Visit www.vallejomainstreet.org to learn more about our program.