

New Location, Landlord Notice



This summer VSS will move into their administrative offices in the building pictured above. The new offices are above the new library that is under construction in downtown Vacaville.

Final construction is underway on the new City Library and administrative offices of **Vacaville Sanitary Service**. A cooperative effort between the library district and **VSS** is now transforming several blocks of Vacaville's downtown area into a new Town Square. The 3.5 acre development site is bordered by Ulatis Creek, Kendal Street, Dobbins Street, and Main Street.

The new library will serve as an economic anchor to revitalize the downtown area. The library will have over 15,000 square feet of space and will house about 32,000 items. The exterior of the building will host an abundance of trees and open areas. The building will be finished with a brick veneer to reflect the historical nature of the Vacaville downtown area.

Heads Up to Landlords

Landlords are urged to double check the status of their tenants' garbage bill. Property owners who rent property in Vacaville are ultimately responsible for the payment of the garbage bill. Land-

lords must clearly understand local ordinances that regulate the payment of bills. Liens can be placed against the property if bills remain unpaid.

Quarterly garbage bills are sent out in advance and become delinquent after 90 days. Notices of delinquency are sent to property owners two times per year—usually in January and April.

If the bill remains delinquent, the City of Vacaville notifies property owners of the bill's status prior to a **Public Hearing** before the **Vacaville City Council**. If outstanding bal-

ances are not resolved at this time, the debts are sent on to the Solano County Assessor's Office in August to be placed as liens on the property. Interest and other fees are added to the amount overdue.

There are easy ways to avoid problems associated with unpaid garbage bills by being mindful of responsibilities when drafting tenants' rental agreements. Renting property does not transfer the ultimate responsibility away from the property owner.

Landlords are urged to make payment of garbage fees clear in their rental agreements. One option is for landlords to pay the bill directly and include the cost of garbage service in the monthly rent.

Landlords who are unsure of their tenants' payment status are encouraged to call **VSS** at 448-2945 with the account number and check the outstanding balance. This simple check, if done early, will often enable landlords to take quick action with tenants.

Trash Talk

The
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from
Vacaville
Sanitary
Service

Get Ready for Fiesta Days!

The **Vacaville Sanitary Service Drill Team** is now polishing up their cans for this year's Fiesta Days Parade on Saturday, May 29. A traditional highlight of the Vacaville Fiesta Days Parade is the crowd pleasing **VSS Drill Team**. Route drivers and other employees run cadence style drills while carrying cans in



Watch for the VSS Drill Team at the Fiesta Days Parade. The year's team includes (back row) Sean Wickcliff, Brian Roberts, Jason Krogue, Paul Bandettini, Joe Rojas, (front row) Thom Hope, José Correa Gonzáles, and Daniel Melgoza.



mance. We are all looking forward to the parade."

Members of the Drill Team practice and perform the drills on their own time. They hope to make this year's performance the best ever.

the old fashioned spirit of the scavengers of the past. During the parade an antique garbage truck will be the centerpiece of the team's performance.

"The Drill Team is always a crowd pleaser," said **Vacaville Sanitary Service** Operations Manager, Ed Farewell. "Our families are all on the truck to cheer. There is so much energy from the crowd who always enjoys the perfor-



The Drill Team runs drills during last year's Fiesta Days Parade (above left) while family members and employees from Vacaville Sanitary Service cheer them on (above).

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Mower Rebate, Services & Tips



Mowers from last year's exchange are stacked before collecting. This year residents will get a \$150 rebate for trading in their old gas mower for a cordless electric mulching mower.

Exchange your old gas mower for a new Black and Decker cordless electric mulching mower and get a \$150 instant rebate. With the rebate the new mower is just \$299.00

plus tax.

The exchange is on Saturday, April 24, but you must preregister and pay online at www.mowerexchange.org beginning at 1 PM on April 6th. The location will be disclosed after signing up for the exchange.

To participate you must be a resident of Solano County and must trade in a gas mower which has the gas and oil drained out.

The new mower turns grass clippings into nourishing mulch and goes a long way to reduce air pollution.

Free Pass

Check your bills this month for a valuable Free Dump Pass. Bring the pass to Hay Road Landfill for a onetime free disposal of up to 1,000 pounds of residential solid waste. The coupon may not be used for commercial, hazardous, or liquid waste.

The Free Dump Pass is good until December 31, 2004. Present your coupon at the scalehouse before dumping.

Delays may occur on weekends and dates near the expiration date. The disabled may call 448-2945 for special arrangements, if needed.

Free Compost

Vacaville residents who reside in the city limits can bring their shovels and load up on free compost at the Hay Road Landfill until October 1, 2004.

Just show your garbage bill or other identification as a Vacaville resident at the scalehouse. Customers are entitled to three yards per visit, one visit per day. Compost supply is limited and subject to supplies on hand.

Overwhelmed?

Customers with overflowing yardwaste toters may place out unlimited numbers of extra yardwaste cans or bundles of prunings at no extra charge. Extra cans must be sturdy and

must have handles and tight fitting lids. Only 32-gallon cans may be used.

Customers may rent extra yardwaste toters from **VSS**. The toters are equal in volume to about three regular trash cans.

HHW Reminder

Residential customers may dispose of fluorescent lighting tubes, paints, solvents, pesticides, aerosols, pool and spa chemicals, auto fluids and other materials at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. The facility is open the first and third Saturday of every month from 9 AM until 2 PM at 855^{1/2} Davis Street in Vacaville at the **VSS** Recycling Center. No appointment is necessary to use the facility. Commercial customers should call 1-800-243-2382x407 for hazardous waste disposal.

Farewell Diane!

After 22 years of service to **VSS**, Office Manager Diane Leber is retiring to work in her family business. Diane began work at **VSS** as a Customer Service Representative but quickly rose through the ranks to become manager of office services. She has been responsible for the overall operation of the office and has played an important role in implementing many new services that are offered to customers.

Diane lives in Dixon with her husband Brett and their two children Paige, age 9^{1/2}, and Carson, age 7. Their daughter Courtney lives in Vacaville with husband Jonathan.



We're Here for You!

It has only been nine months since Denny Halling began his new job as a driver for **VSS** but already he is enjoying the challenge of his new position. Denny especially enjoys his interactions with customers.

"It is just part of our job to help customers," said Denny. "They will often ask questions about the different services we provide. We offer so many services that they sometimes have trouble sorting it all out. We are always glad to help."

He also appreciated the helpful attitude of his fellow workers when he started his new job.

"Everyone here helps each other out," said Denny. "Safety is top at this job, so we all look after each other to make sure we work safely."

Denny was born in Kansas but raised near Vacaville in the rural community of Allendale. He now lives in Vacaville with his daughter Katie who is 21. When not working he enjoys dancing at the Creek Walk, camping and visiting with Katie and their family dog.



Denny Halling

