

City Beat



Attend Bulk Trash Amnesty Day

The City of Valdosta's Neighborhood Development Division will host its Bulk Trash Amnesty Day event on Saturday, April 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Public Works Department parking lot, at 1015 Myrtle Street.

This event allows city residents to dispose of bulk trash for free. Residents must bring their most current Valdosta water bill to prove residency.

This event is held in conjunction with the nationally-recognized Great American Cleanup event, which col-

lectively utilizes volunteers to pick up litter in public places and beautify our neighborhoods.

Volunteers for these events are needed and welcome. Those interested in helping should contact K.L.V.B. Executive Director Aaron Strickland at 229-671-3698.

For more information about Bulk Trash Amnesty Day, contact Neighborhood Development Director Vanessa Flucas at 229-671-3617 or view event [flyer](#).

Residents Urged to Participate in Electronics Recycling Event

Spring is the time of year when residents typically take advantage of the warmer weather to complete several spring cleaning chores that can help reduce unnecessary clutter around their homes.

The community e-recycling event allows residents who want to properly dispose of their outdated or unwanted electronic equipment on Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Mathis Auditorium parking lot, located at 2300 N. Ashley Street.

Items that will not be accepted include vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, washers, dryers, gas-powered equipment, non-electronic equipment and other non-recyclable items. This event is one of two annual e-recycling events and other year-round efforts that support the city's recycling program. It is open to all Lowndes County residents.

For a complete list of e-recyclables or for more information, call the Public Works Department at 229-671-3640 or view [event flyer](#).

Memorial Day Sanitation Schedule

The City of Valdosta will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

The Sanitation Division will collect residential garbage only on Monday, May 28. Citizens who normally have their sanitation collected on Mondays should place their recyclables and yard waste at the curbside by 5 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29 for both Monday and Tuesday pickups.

Call 229-259-3590 for more information or click [here](#).



Mark Your Calendar for June 17

The City of Valdosta expresses appreciation to its trash collectors, dumpster haulers, sewage workers, street cleaners and all the "unsung heroes" who are dedicated to keeping our environment and streets clean year-round.

In addition to removing our unwanted trash, the Valdosta Public Works Department encourages residents to reduce, recycle and reuse the things being thrown in the garbage from their homes.

Visit www.valdostacity.com/public-works for more information about city sanitation services.



Celebrate Public Works Week

The City of Valdosta will observe National Public Works Week from May 20-26. The purpose of this week is to honor important public works employees and public works programs in the city.

The Valdosta Public Works Department is responsible for the daily operation of residential and commercial sanitation services, right-of-way street maintenance, facilities maintenance, repair of city vehicles and equipment,

and street sweeping in residential areas as well as designated state routes. Department staff also collects and properly disposes of recycling, bulk items and yard trash for city customers.

“Thank you” to all of the Public Work employees for their contributions to protecting our health, safety, and quality of life.

For more information on Public Works Week and the city’s Public Works Department, click [here](#).



Come Downtown for Restaurant Week

Downtown Valdosta Restaurant Week is a celebration of the unique, exciting culinary scene in Downtown Valdosta from July 17 to July 21.

During the promotion, participating restaurants offer an exclusive three course prix fixe lunch and dinner menu. No tickets or passes are required. Click [here](#) for details.

City Announces Public Service Opportunities

Citizens who seek a rewarding public service role in the community are encouraged to apply for the 11 positions currently vacant on the city’s boards, commissions, authorities or advisory committees. These volunteer positions, requiring only a few hours each month, are designed to give citizens a voice in their local government and allow them to influence decisions that shape the quality of life for residents in the community. Anyone who has been a resident of Lowndes County for at least six months prior to the nomination is eligible to apply.

The Mayor and City Council will evaluate the applicants and appoint individuals to the vacancies at the May 10 City Council meeting. Interested citizens have until Wednesday, May 2, by 5 p.m., to review the membership requirements, complete an application and sign the Code of Ethics form for any of the following positions:

- **Greater Lowndes Planning Commission- 1 Appointment**
- **Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful Board- 1 Appointment**
- **Public Art Advisory Committee- 3 Appointments**
- **Valdosta Housing Authority - 1 Resident Appointment**
- **Valdosta Housing Board of Adjustments & Appeals- 2 Appointments**
- **Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority- 1 Appointment**
- **Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks & Recreation Authority- 1 Appointment**
- **Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals- 1 Appointment**

For more information or to obtain the necessary forms, visit www.valdostacity.com or contact City Clerk Teresa Bolden at 229-259-3503 or at tbolden@valdostacity.com.

Save the Date:

April 21: Great American Cleanup. Participate in this community cleanup event, from 8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the Valdosta City Hall Annex, Lee Street parking lot. Call 229-671-3698 or view [event flyer](#).

April 22: Earth Day. This is the 48th anniversary of Earth Day, which is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. To highlight this day, visit [earthday.org](#) to understand why we should plant, preserve and protect our trees in the community.

April 21-28: Georgia's Cities Week. The City of Valdosta will celebrate Georgia Cities Week, April 21-28, with events throughout the week. The theme this year is "Georgia's Cities: In the Spotlight," which allows Valdosta to highlight its important role in creating community gathering spaces and driving economic development. The week also provides opportunities to show appreciation to our residents, volunteers and city employees who serve the community year-round. Click [here](#) for more information.

May 12: Build a bouquet for mom. Make a minimum \$20 purchase with one of the participating downtown merchants. This interactive day with merchants results in a beautiful floral arrangement for Mom. Bring your receipt to the Main Street table and get your ticket to collect a flower from all of the participating merchants! This event will be held in various locations throughout Valdosta from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

May 31: The deadline for participating in the annual Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest is today by 5 p.m. No professional skills, special equipment or fees are required to enter. For more information, call the city's Public Information Office at 229-259-3548 or click [here](#).



City Observed National Engineers Week

National Engineering Week was observed in communities throughout the U.S. from Feb. 18-24 to focus on the roles of engineers and how their work shapes the world. The City of Valdosta recognized all staff members in its Engineering Department, as well as all professional engineers and engineering firms in our community.

In photo: front Row – R. Clinton Beeland, President and CEO of CJB Industries; Jeana Beeland, Executive Vice President- Human Resources of CJB Industries; Interim City Manager Mark Barber; Mayor John Gayle; Pat Collins, City Engineer; and Bill Kent, President and Principal Engineer at Innovate Engineering Solutions.

Behind – William Sims, GIS/Real Property Coordinator; Willie Jones, Stormwater Technician; Emily Davenport, Assistant Director; Angela Bray, Stormwater Manager; Larry Ogden, Traffic Manager; Darryl Muse, Utilities Director; Mike Orenduff, Owner of Book & Table; Willie Jones Jr., Stormwater Technician; Kun-young Chiu, P.E., F.ASCE and Vice President of Kun-young Chiu & Associates, Inc.; Micah Bitz, Engineer at CJB Industries; John Brawley, Engineer at CJB Industries.

Conserve water and save money this spring

In the home

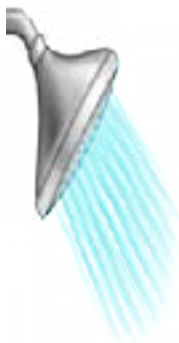
Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth.

Water comes out of the average faucet at 2.5 gallons per minute.



Only run the washing machine and dishwasher when it is full.

Fix dripping faucets and running toilets. A leaky faucet drips at a rate of one drop per second which waste up to 2,700 gallons per year.



Take shorter showers. Replace your shower head with a more efficient alternative, so you can reduce water and energy use.



In the yard

Try using slow watering techniques such as drip irrigation or soaker hoses.



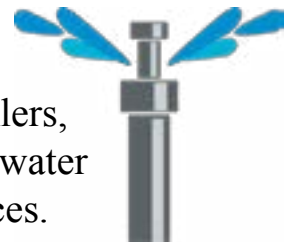
Use mulch to keep moisture from leaving the soil to minimize the need to water the yard.



Use a rain barrel to collect rain and water your plants.



Adjust sprinklers, so they do not water paved surfaces.

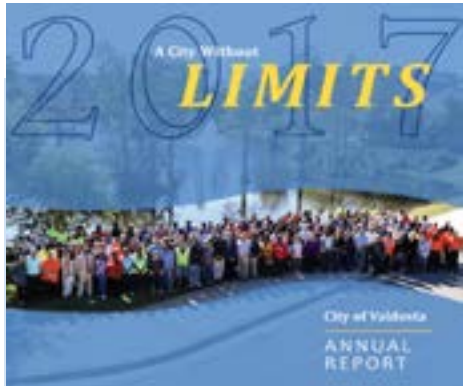


Pools can lose up to 4,000 liters of water per month due to evaporation. A pool cover can reduce this loss.



Conserve your water!





Check out the City's Latest Annual Report at www.valdostacity.com/annual-report

Official Start of Hurricane Season, June 1

Hurricane Season traditionally runs June 1 through Nov. 30 each year. Now is a good opportunity to brush up on hurricane awareness and preparedness and learn how to take potentially life-saving action.

Visit www.ready.ga.gov to prepare you and your loved ones for Hurricane Season—or for any type of emergency. It's also a good time to make sure you are signed up for the Code Red emergency alert system. Click [here](#) to sign up today.

Valdosta's Oldest House to be Considered as an Events Center

The Valdosta Heritage Foundation Board of Directors voted at their February meeting to make Valdosta's oldest house available to a private entity to be used as a premiere indoor and outdoor events center, provided the land use is approved by the Valdosta City Council.

Following the fire on Jan. 26, 2011 that severely damaged the Roberts House, the Valdosta Heritage Foundation raised the required funds to restore the historic home. Since then, however, the foundation had not completed the interior restoration because they were studying the best use for the house.

For more information about the restoration and leasing options, contact James Horton at the Valdosta Historic Preservation Office at 229-259-3563. All inquiries regarding zoning and land use approval should be directed to Tracy Tolley in the Valdosta Planning and Zoning Division at 229-259-3563.





10th Annual
Valdosta
People's Choice
Photo Contest

Deadline
May 31, 2018

Celebrating life in the city

- \$600 in cash awards
- Awards for Adults and Youth

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Main Street Events:



**Spring
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	<p>Fri Apr 6 Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45 am Samples & Sips 5:15 pm (also offered on Apr. 13) First Friday 6:30 - 9:30 pm Live Music, Full Bar, & Tapas Menu @ The Patterson 7:00 - 11:30 pm Contemplative Service @ First Presbyterian Church 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Sat Apr 7 Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45 am Samples & Sips 5:15 pm Pineapple Paint Party @ Cottonwood Market & Boutique 6 - 8 pm Live Music from Kyle Keller @ Steel Magnolias 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p>
<p>Mon Apr 9 Oil Abstract Workshop @ Kaleidoscope 2:30 - 5:30 pm (Workshop continues on the 10th & 11th)</p>	<p>Tues Apr 10 Blush Brush Paint Party @ Jessie's Restaurant & Catering 6 pm</p>	<p>Thurs Apr 12 Lend Me A Tenor @ The Dosta 7:30 pm</p>
<p>Fri Apr 13 Bicycle Paint Party @ Cottonwood Market & Boutique 6 - 8 pm Rosé Tasting @ Jessie's Restaurant & Catering 6:30 pm Live Music from Tanner Strickland @ 306 North 7 pm Lend Me A Tenor @ The Dosta 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Sat Apr 14 Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45 am Samples & Sips 5:15 pm Lend Me A Tenor @ The Dosta 2 pm & 7:30 pm Live Music from Azalea City Jazz Quartet @ Steel Magnolias 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p>	<p>Mon Apr 16 Auditions for The Gingerbread Players Production of The Real Princess & The Pea @ The Dosta 6 - 8 pm</p>
<p>Tues Apr 17 Auditions for The Gingerbread Players Production of The Real Princess & The Pea @ The Dosta 6 - 8 pm Blush Brush Paint Party @ Jessie's Restaurant & Catering 6 pm</p>	<p>Wed Apr 18 Pub Theology @ Jessie's Restaurant & Catering 7 pm</p>	<p>Thurs Apr 19 Sip & Shop @ Jessie's Restaurant & Catering 6 pm Miss Kate's Novel Foods Cooking Class: Under the Tuscan Sun @ 6 pm Lend Me A Tenor @ The Dosta 7:30 pm</p>
<p>Fri Apr 20 Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45 am Samples & Sips 5:15 pm (also offered on Apr. 21) Live Music from Dave Griffin @ Steel Magnolias 6:30 - 9:30 pm Lend Me A Tenor @ The Dosta 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Sat Apr 21 Mermaid Kids Paint Party @ Cottonwood Market & Boutique 2 - 4 pm Outdoor Family Movie Night @ Behind Historic Courthouse 7:30 pm Lend Me A Tenor @ The Dosta 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Fri Apr 27 Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45 am Samples & Sips 5:15 pm (also offered on Apr. 28) Live Music from Jen Anders & Rowman Sabol @ Steel Magnolias 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p>

Details at valdostamainstreet.com

Main Street Events:

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	<p>Fri May 4</p> <p>Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45 am Samples & Sips 5:15 pm (also offered on May 5)</p> <p>Beginning Watercolor Workshop @ Kaleidoscope 2:30-5:30 pm (continues every Friday in May)</p> <p>First Friday 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p> <p>Live Music @ The Patterson 7:00 pm</p> <p>Contemplative Service @ First Presbyterian Church 9:30 pm</p>	<p>Mon May 7</p> <p>Brown Bag Lunch Concert Series @ Historic Courthouse Lawn 11:30 am - 1:30 pm</p>
<p>Tues May 8</p> <p>Brown Bag Lunch Concert Series @ Historic Courthouse Lawn 11:30 am - 1:30 pm</p> <p>Blush Brush Paint Party @ Jessie's Restaurant & Catering 6 pm</p>	<p>Wed May 9</p> <p>Brown Bag Lunch Concert Series @ Historic Courthouse Lawn 11:30 am - 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Thurs May 10</p> <p>Brown Bag Lunch Concert Series @ Historic Courthouse Lawn 11:30 am - 1:30 pm</p>
<p>Fri May 11</p> <p>Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45 am Samples & Sips 5:15 pm</p> <p>Brown Bag Lunch Concert Series @ Historic Courthouse Lawn 11:30 am - 1:30 pm</p> <p>Live Music from Kyle Keller @ Steel Magnolias 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p> <p>Live Music from Luke Ferguson @ 306 North 7 pm</p>	<p>Sat May 12</p> <p>Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45 am Samples & Sips 5:15 pm</p> <p>Build a Bouquet 11 am - 2 pm</p> <p>Live Music from Azalea City Jazz Quartet @ Steel Magnolias 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p>	<p>Wed May 16</p> <p>Pub Theology @ Jessie's Restaurant & Catering 7 pm</p>
<p>Thurs May 17</p> <p>Miss Kate's Novel Foods Cooking Class: Zorro, the Mystery of Capistrano @ 6 pm</p> <p>Sip & Shop @ Jessie's Restaurant & Catering 6 pm</p>	<p>Fri May 18</p> <p>Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45 am</p> <p>Miss Kate's Samples & Sips 5:15 pm</p> <p>Live Music from Entwined @ 306 North 7 pm</p>	<p>Sat May 19</p> <p>Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45 am</p> <p>Miss Kate's Samples & Sips 5:15 pm</p>
<p>Tues May 22</p> <p>Blush Brush Paint Party @ Jessie's Restaurant & Catering 6 pm</p>	<p>Fri May 25</p> <p>Miss Kate's Daytime Dining 10:45 am Samples & Sips 5:15 pm (also offered on May 26)</p> <p>Live Music from Kenji Bolden @ 306 North 7 pm</p>	<p>Wed May 30</p> <p>Jenny Milchman Book Signing @ Book & Table 4 - 7 pm</p>

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Give Blood, Give Life!

The City of Valdosta
will host a **Blood Drive**
on **Tuesday, April 24,**
in the lobby of the
City Hall Annex,
at **300 N. Lee Street**

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) Donating blood saves lives
- 2) Donating blood is a good way to give back to your community
- 3) Donating blood is a selfless act
- 4) Donating blood provides you with a free mini-physical
- 5) Donating blood helps someone in need every two seconds
- 6) The blood supply needs constant replenishing
- 7) One pint of blood can help up to three people
- 8) Men can donate as often as four times a year and women can donate up to three times a year
- 9) Most people are eligible to donate blood
- 10) There is no substitute for human blood
- 11) Donating blood reduces Cancer Risk
- 12) Donating blood reduces the risk of heart attacks
- 13) Should you become a blood donor, you will have someone's undying gratitude
- 14) Donating blood makes you someone's hero
- 15) Donating blood is **FREE** and a life changing act that doesn't cost a dime



Enter for a chance to win a **\$25** gift card!